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Immigrants who can't afford health insurance barred from entry

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REPORTER

Citing the drain of uncom-

pensated care on American finances, U.S. President Donald J. Trump has suspended the entry of immigrants who

cannot secure health insurance within 30 days of entering the U.S. or cannot pay their own healthcare costs.

In a presidential proclamation Trump issued and signed on Oct. 4, 2019, he directed the suspension of en-

try of immigrants if they cannot acquire health insurance within 30 days upon entering the U.S. or cannot pay their

own healthcare costs starting Nov. 3, 2019.

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4 lose home in Dandan fire

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Four people were displaced when a fire broke out at a house in Dandan yesterday morning but, according to the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services, none of the victims were injured in the blaze.

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In this photo provided by the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services, firemen work to suppress the fire at a home in Dandan.

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PR cockfighting clubs lose bid to prevent federal ban

By MIKE LEONARD
<https://news.bloomberg.com/>

A federal ban on Puerto Rico's "national sport" of cockfight-

ing is set to take effect in December despite islandwide opposition to the law, after a District of Puerto Rico judge

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USCG halts search for missing victim

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With the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services calling off its search teams last Tuesday, the U.S. Coast Guard has followed suit, suspending yesterday the search for the driver of a vehicle that drove off the Marpi cliff last Saturday.

USCG Public Affairs officer Lt. Jonathan Girot confirmed Wednesday that the USCG has suspended its search for the occupant of a vehicle that

drove off Banzai Cliff and into the ocean as per standard protocol, which requires a search to be done for five consecutive days.

Search patterns spanned a total of 427 square nautical miles and included response assets from the Department of Public Safety, Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services, U.S. Navy Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25, and the U.S. Coast Guard cutter *Washington*.

"We extend our appreciation to our local and federal partners for their work dur-

ing this multi-agency search covering a five-day period," Girot said.

Today marks the sixth day after the driver of an SUV drove over the Marpi cliff into the sea last. DPS and DFEMS both called off their searches last Tuesday, as per their standard protocol, which requires a search to be done for three consecutive days.

Only the vehicle has been found but not the body of the victim.

DPS continues to withhold the identity of the victim, saying they are still conducting

the next-of-kin notification. Once the next-of-kin notification has been made, the vic-

tim's identity will be released. Attempts were made to confirm if the next-of-kin notification has been done but there has been no response from

DPS as of press time.

Search efforts continued on Tuesday, however, no body was found. DPS and DFEMS ended searching the oceans

for the Rota Gaming Casino Commission operations, which Manglona believed should be used to pay vendors.

"When the mayor of Rota recently appointed two members to the Rota Gaming Casino Commission, my colleague had every opportunity to voice his objection to the mayor regarding these appointments," Santos said. "He also had another opportunity to appeal to the Rota Municipal Council

members for the rejection of the appointees and to justify his claim that the funds that will be used to fund the commission could be used to pay vendors or other critical municipal projects."

"...It is not much different from fiscal year appropriations," she said in a statement to *Saipan Tribune*, acknowledging the reservations that Rep. Donald Manglona's (Ind-Rota) had stated at the House session about the bill. One of those concerns was the appropriated amount of \$100,000

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CUC: FAC remains the same for November

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Although there has been a slight increase in the Mean of Platts Singapore monthly pricing from July 2019 to

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November 2019 as notified by Mobil Oil Mariana Islands, Inc., the increase did not equal or exceed a 4.5% differential of the average per gallon cost of fuel.

The FAC is one of two components that make up the CUC electric kWh rate, which is used to purchase fuel. The second component is the CUC base rate, which is used to fund operations, projects, and debt service. This base rate has not been increased since April 17, 2014.

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in the calculation of the current FAC rate.

CUC first instituted the leveled energy adjustment clause in 2009 to recover fuel and fuel related costs, a sys-

tem also used by power providers in Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands. In May 2015, the CPUC authorized CUC to change the name of LEAC to FAC to provide customers

a more accurate description of the electric rate.

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Lifting of price freeze fans talk in the House

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The House of Representatives put off accepting yesterday a letter from the Office of the Governor that informs lawmakers of the executive order that ended the yearlong price freeze that has been in place in the CNMI in the wake of Super Typhoon Yutu, which hit the Commonwealth last October 2018.

During yesterday's session on Capital Hill, House Speaker Blas "B.J." Jonathan

Attao (R-Saipan) asked the House to put off accepting Governor's Communication 21-83, which informed the Legislature of acting governor Arnold I. Palacios' signing of Executive Order 2019-14 to rescind the price freeze over the weekend.

Attao later told *Saipan Tribune* that he requested that the House defer action on the communication until clarity is met on the rationale behind ending the 2018 price freeze since he noted that several members of the House have received

calls about its abrupt end last week, causing commodities such as gas and grocery prices to shoot up.

"I am sure a lot of people are noticing that prices are changing already, so we left it on calendar so we can ask the [Torres] administration what was the rationale behind lifting the price freeze," Attao said.

"I know it has been a year since Super Typhoon Yutu, but not everybody has recovered from it...so we wanted to know the rationale behind this and how to fix it because

the prices are going up and we are getting a lot of calls from our constituents."

Technically, the CNMI is still under a state of significant emergency, therefore Palacios could reinstate the price freeze. It was not clarified with Attao, though, whether a new price freeze would reflect prices that went up during the rescinding of the 2018 price freeze.

During House discussions, Rep. Tina Sablan (Ind-Saipan) reiterated that she believes it was time that the Governor's Office submit a

report on the nature of the emergency, plans for addressing the emergency, and any funding that might be needed for the emergency—as required under Public Law 3-68, Section 403.

"It is time—actually way overdue—that we have this conversation on the continuing state of emergency declarations without any reporting from the governor as required by law," Sablan said yesterday. Sablan expressed similar sentiments at the Oct.

28, 2019, session, where a previous communication from the governor's office noted a renewal of the emergency declaration through Executive Order 2019-12. The emergency declaration originally started on Oct. 26, 2018.

Attao noted that the reporting requirement from the Governor's Office regarding the emergency declaration would also be included in their discussions with the Executive Branch.

IMMIGRANTS

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"The costs associated with [healthcare for immigrants] are passed on to the American people in the form of higher taxes, higher premiums, and higher fees for medical services," the proclamation noted on the White House website.

"Beyond imposing higher costs on hospitals and other healthcare infrastructure, uninsured individuals often use emergency rooms to seek remedies for a variety of non-emergency conditions, causing overcrowding and

delays for those who truly need emergency services. This non-emergency usage places a large burden on taxpayers, who reimburse hospitals for a portion of their uncompensated emergency care costs," the proclamation further noted.

The proclamation will not allow immigrants from entering the United States if they do not have at least one of nine approved health insurance means within 30 days upon entry into the U.S., such as an employer-sponsored plan; an unsubsidized health plan offered within a state's a short-term limited duration health

policy effective for at least a year; a catastrophic plan; a family member's plan; a medical plan under Chapter 55 of Title 10 of the U.S. Code; a visitor health insurance plan that provides adequate coverage for medical care for at least a year; a medical plan under the Medicare program; or any other health plan that provides adequate coverage for medical care.

However, aliens already holding a valid immigrant visa issued before Nov. 3, 2019, are exempted from the entry suspension, including aliens seeking to enter the U.S. through a special im-

migrant visa, who is also a national of Afghanistan or Iraq, or his or her spouse and children; any alien who is the child of a U.S. citizen who is seeking to enter the U.S. through immediate relative visas; any alien seeking to enter the U.S. through a returning resident immigrant visa; any alien under 18, except for any alien accompanying a parent who is also immigrating to the U.S.; any alien whose entry would further U.S. law enforcement objectives as determined by the U.S. Secretary of State; and any alien whose entry would be in the national interest.

FIRE

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The fire, which destroyed part of a house in Dandan next to the Children's Park, reportedly started past 9am and was controlled an hour later, at 10:12am.

No persons were injured and no treatments were provided at the scene for medical complaints in relation to the fire.

According to DFEMS, it received a call about the fire

at 9:18am from the Department of Public Safety 911 dispatch team.

About two minutes later, at 9:20am, rescue and medical teams from the Garapan and Kagman fire stations were sent to the site, with the first units arriving at the scene at about 9:24am.

The first responding units of DFEMS confirmed that the fire was just at the rear part of the house and fire crews worked to prevent it from traveling or damaging the rest of the home.

Investigators confirmed that the building is a single-story fully concrete residence. The cause of the fire is still undetermined and fire investigators are still processing the scene.

According to an American Red Cross-NMI Chapter statement, a Disaster Action Team—composed of Jack Amirez, Selmalyne Taitano, and J.D. Tenorio—immediately gave emergency assistance to the victims at the scene.

"The American Red Cross is extremely grateful for the community's support as it al-

lows us to continue to provide comfort and hope to disaster victims in our communities," said John Hirsh, executive director of the NMI Chapter. The Red Cross encourages everyone to take steps to minimize the risk of fires by installing smoke alarms in their homes and to create emergency plans. Individuals interested in getting free smoke alarms installed in their homes can reach out to the Red Cross-NMI Chapter at (670) 234-3459 for more information.

PR

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refused to block it.

The cockfighting ban passed last year as part of the annual Agriculture Improvement Act, commonly known as the federal "farm bill." The lawsuit blasted it as a paternalistic, unconstitutional assault on a cherished tradition and "cultural right of all Puerto Ricans." The case was filed in the U.S. District Court for the District of Puerto Rico.

Unfair stigmas and stereotypes of cockfighting as an "illegal and dangerous sport, played primarily by thieves and minorities," are behind

the ban, according to the suit filed by two cockfighting clubs. Cockfighting is heavily regulated, with weight classes and professional judges authorized to stop one-sided fights, the plaintiffs claimed.

There's also no basis for Congress to regulate Puerto Rico as a state rather than a territory under the Constitution's "territorial clause," the suit alleged.

Judge Gustavo A. Gelpi rejected those claims Oct. 28, granting summary judgment to the federal government. The ban can go into effect despite near-unanimous opposition from top Puerto Rico officials, many of whom filed amicus briefs,

the judge said.

"Congress has the unquestionable authority to treat the commonwealth equally to the states," Gelpi wrote. "Neither the commonwealth's political status, nor the territorial clause, impede the United States government from enacting laws that apply to all citizens of this nation alike, whether in a state or territory."

Cockfighting was already illegal in every state and territory except Puerto Rico, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, the judge noted. Congress has incrementally moved to outlaw it nationwide, allowing a complex

series of exemptions, grandfather clauses, and loopholes that have closed over time, culminating in the pending federal ban.

While Congress may lack the power to single out Puerto Rico in certain cases, it "has the undeniable authority to treat the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico uniformly to the states," Gelpi said.

The plaintiffs were represented by Félix Román & Associates and Ojeda & Ojeda Law Offices PSC. The government was represented by the Department of Justice's Civil Division.

The case is *Club Gallistico de Puerto Rico Inc. v. U.S., D.P.R., No. 19-cv-1481, 10/28/19*.

CCC

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\$2.68 million expenditure went to salaries and benefits, \$1.93 million.

CCC has 51 full-time employees across five divisions.

The report is a requirement under a new law, Public Law 20-83, which mandates each government department to prepare a Citizen-Centric Report to be submitted to the Office of the Public Auditor.

The CCC also reports that its travel expenses significantly went down. From the \$221,898 spent for travel in fiscal year 2018, its travel expenses in fiscal year 2019 amounted to just \$123,157—a decrease of \$98,741.

CCC executive director Edward Deleon Guerrero had reported to the board at a meeting last Aug. 28 that the commission has not incurred any travel costs since Gov. Ralph DLG Torres declared austerity measures several months ago. That does not include the monthly travel expenses of Rota and Tinian commissioners to attend the commission's meetings on Saipan.

In fiscal year 2019, \$324,996 was spent for board compensation, \$193,471 for operational

expenses, and \$109,000 for office rental.

In fiscal year 2018, of the \$2.94 million spent for the fiscal year, \$2,009,754 went to salaries and benefits, \$315,799 went to operational expenses, \$313,774 went to board compensation, and \$85,956 went to office rental, according to the report.

The commission had a budget of \$3,100,328 in fiscal year 2019; its budget was at \$3,151,242 in fiscal year 2018. The budget came from CCC's regulatory fee fund and other regulatory fees.

Public Law 19-24 created CCC's regulatory fee fund, which established a flat annual license fee of \$3 million with a 5% increase every five years for the next 20 years beginning Oct. 1, 2015.

The regulatory fee fund is the annual license fee for casino employees, key employees, gaming tables, and electronic gaming machines (slot machines).

Public Law 19-24 allows the assessment of a flat fee of \$3 million rather than assessing individual license fees for employees, tables, and machines, according to the Citizen-Centric Report.

The other regulatory fees for fiscal year 2019 was \$100,328 as compared to \$151,242 for fiscal year 2018.

\$11.5M

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ber compensation but also stated that the amount may be readjusted by an approved regulation only with the concurrence of the Rota Municipal Council.

To deviate from the law will create a bigger liability that our municipality cannot afford," Santos added.

Manglona previously stated that the \$100,000 allocated to the Rota Gaming Casino Commission could be used to fund emergency needs identified by the Rota mayor.

"There are several projects

on Rota that needs funding, such as [the procurement] of tractors for farmers and the 20% [Federal Emergency Management Agency] matching for Typhoon Mangkhut, to name a few," Manglona had said during House discussions on the bill.

In response, Santos said, "May I strongly suggest that my colleague request an audience with the commissioners to discuss their past, current, and future plans before passing judgment. We must work together to try and revitalize our island and help infuse new money for the sake of our people."

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Lease to half of Hotel Riviera land is terminated

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REPORTER

The Superior Court terminated yesterday the lease of a Korean company on half the lot in Fina Sisu where the now abandoned 135-room Hotel Riviera is located. The property is owned by the family of the late governor, Pedro P. Tenorio.

Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo granted the request of Sophia P. Tenorio and the estate of Pedro P. Tenorio to issue a default judgment against Chang Shin Resort Saipan Corp., which owns Hotel Riviera Saipan.

Govendo entered a judgment in the amount of \$144,972 for the unpaid rent of lands.

Michael Dotts, counsel for Sophia Tenorio and the estate of Pedro Tenorio, said yesterday that it is his understanding that Hotel Riviera is now abandoned.

"But hopefully, a new tenant will be found soon," Dotts said.

Govendo terminated the



FERDIE DE LA TORRE

A security company watches over the premises of Hotel Riviera in Finasisu when this file photo was taken last March. The Superior Court has terminated the ground leases of four lots where the hotel is located after the hotel owner failed to pay rent and not maintain the property.

ground leases for a lot containing 3,411 square meters, lot containing 236 square meters, and another lot containing 10,000 square meters.

According to court records, Pedro P. Tenorio and Chang

Shin Resort Saipan entered into a ground lease on Aug. 2, 1993, on some of the affected lots, with Chang Shin agreeing to pay a monthly rent in the amount of \$1,500, which is supposed to increase by 10%

every five years.

Sophia P. Tenorio and Chang Shin Resort Saipan Corp. entered into a ground lease on the same date for the 10,000 square meters lot. The company agreed to pay a

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monthly rent of \$4,000, subject to a 10% increase every five years.

Chang Shin stopped paying rent in May 2018.

Sophia Tenorio and the estate of Pedro Tenorio sent a notice of default to Chang Shin on March 15, 2019, but the company did not respond. The plaintiffs filed the lawsuit on May 29, 2019, but no answer was filed.

Default was entered by the court's clerk on July 29, 2019.

Govendo heard the plaintiffs' motion for default judgment last Monday. At the time of the hearing, Chang Shin was in default for \$144,972.

At the hearing, Dotts appeared as counsel for the plaintiffs. No one appeared for Chang Shin.

Peter Michael Tenorio, the son of Sophia and Pedro Tenorio, testified.

As for the other half of the lands where the hotel is located, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho terminated the 55-year ground lease last March. The hotel owner, Globuil Resort Saipan, owed \$176,802 in rent and had not maintained the property since 2012.

PRC LLC holds the fee simple and underlying lease for approximately one-half of the property. The lease ends on Dec. 29, 2043. The Tenorio family holds the other half of the land where the hotel buildings sit.

PRC LLC's sole member is Allen Perez. Changsin Resort Saipan, the former owner of the hotel, changed its corporate name to Globuil Resort Saipan prior to the trial.

The trial was held from March 12 to 15, 2018. Robert T. Torres served as counsel for PRC, which filed the lawsuit in 2012 for breach of contract and other claims.

Globuil Resort Saipan, formerly known as Chang Shin Resort, was represented by Mark Scoggins.

Camacho ruled that PRC, which leased the land to Globuil, is entitled to recover the land.

Camacho said PRC did not lease the hotel to Globuil, therefore, if PRC chooses to remove the hotel, fixtures, etc. then PRC is entitled to costs of removing the hotel from the land.

Camacho said if PRC does not initiate removal of the hotel within a year of the March 2019 order, then PRC receives and accepts the property "as is."

The judge said he made this decision as there was nothing in the ground lease that required Globuil to give back any developed structure such as a fully functional multi-million dollar hotel on the property to PRC at the end of the lease.

CNMI waves purple for domestic violence survivors



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The Saipan community gathered Wednesday at the Oleai Pavilion for the Purple Wave, Roll, and Walk event organized by the Northern Marianas Coalition Against

Domestic & Sexual Violence to honor the strength of all domestic violence survivors in the CNMI.

Families, schools, and public safety officers formed a line along Beach Road and waved purple pom-poms while calling for an end to abuse

and domestic violence on the island. Motorists honked to show solidarity.

"We wanted to do one event where the whole community can come out and express love for each other, their support for survivors, and the promise that there

will be no more violence in the CNMI in the generations to come," said NMCADSV executive director Maisie B. Tenorio.

This is the 25th year of hosting Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the CNMI.

The event also sends a mes-



Families, students, and public safety officers lined Beach Road near the Oleai Pavilion Wednesday for the Purple Wave, Roll, and Walk event organized by the Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence to honor domestic violence survivors in the CNMI.

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sage to domestic violence survivors that there are hundreds of people on the island who support, honor, believe, and are inspired by the strength the survivors display every single day.

"If you are living with domestic violence, we know that that takes a lot of strength," Tenorio said. "We are here to honor and support you. Please know that you are not alone."

Last year, the CNMI Department of Public Safety received 239 calls relating to domestic abuse, and the Office of the Attorney General prosecuted 73 cases of domestic violence.

Family Violence Task Force

coordinator John Cruz stressed that help is available for domestic violence survivors.

"Everyone is a different," Cruz said. "There is help and yes, they are going to get scared. That is normal, but there is help that can help them heal, and that can help their children also, and have shelters where they can stay if they need to."

For more information about supporting survivors, call the Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence at 234-3878, the Family Violence Task Force at 664-4584, or the National Domestic Violence Hotline website at thehotline.org.

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This past Monday, Torres led the CNMI delegation in a meeting with Japanese lawmaker Yasukazu Hamada at the Japan Diet Members Office Building. Hamada was instrumental in helping to establish the CNMI's relationship with Skymark Airlines Inc.

Torres reiterated the Commonwealth's appreciation for the Hamada's support and efforts to bring back nonstop daily flights between Japan and the CNMI.

"It's been sometime since our first meeting with Congressman Hamada and we are extremely grateful that through his support. We are now just days away from seeing the return of daily direct flights from Tokyo to Saipan," said Torres. "This is a significant step toward reinvigorating our partnership with Japan, particularly with regards to our visitor industry."

Palacios is optimistic that the return of direct flights from Japan will spur additional economic activity in the CNMI.

"This is an important milestone in our history and in our efforts to attract Japanese investors and tourists back to the Marianas," added Palacios. "Back in the day when there were direct flights from Japan, we saw many Japanese investments [on] our islands and Japan was at the top of our visitor arrivals."

Hamada expressed his continued support and noted that he has already begun inviting Japanese investors to take advantage of the upcoming direct flights so that they can explore potential investments in the CNMI.

On Tuesday, Oct. 29, Tor-

res and Palacios joined a well-attended travel industry reception hosted by MVA in honor of Skymark Airlines' flight launch announcement.

In his remarks before a standing room packed with Japanese media and industry partners, Torres thanked Skymark Airlines president Masahiko Ichie and the Skymark team for their partnership. He also extended his appreciation to U.S. Department of Commerce deputy assistant secretary for Travel and Tourism Phil Lovas for attending the event and speaking in support of the new flight service.

"Japanese investors and visitors helped build the Marianas tourism industry over 40 years ago. Today, Japanese tourism is our No. 1 priority in the Marianas," said Torres. "As a community, we are all very excited to have Skymark Airlines launch their direct flights on Nov. 29, 2019. Everyone is looking forward to Skymark's service, and we cannot wait to fully welcome back our Japanese visitors to our beautiful islands."

He looks forward to working closely with Skymark for many years to come and reiterated his administration's commitment to prioritize Japan as the CNMI's leading tourism market and to strengthen the historic ties between the Marianas and Japan.

For his part, Palacios, whose maternal grandfather is Japanese, offered the ceremonial *Kanpai* toast by emphasizing that Japan and the Marianas are connected by history and culture, and this new partnership with Skymark Airlines provides the opportunity to grow closer and stronger together.

"To everyone here on this beautiful night, from our Skymark partners to our Japanese tourism partners, and to our media partners, on behalf of the people of the Marianas, I offer a toast for friendship, for beautiful harmony, and for success because Skymark's success is the Marianas' success," said Palacios. (PR)

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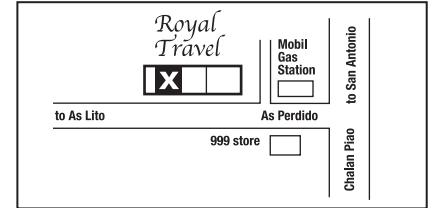
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House OKs reducing wait for homestead deeds

The House of Representatives approved a Senate bill yesterday that would reduce the waiting time of homestead owners to get their deeds from the Department of Public Lands.

On a vote of 13-5, the House passed Sen. Francisco Cruz's (R-Tinian) Senate Bill 21-10 in session on Capital Hill, cutting down the two-year wait for DPL to issue a deed of conveyance to homestead owners to just 45 days, despite the opposition of the Office of the Attorney General and DPL.

Those who voted in support

of the legislation were Reps. Janet Maratita (R-Saipan), Ivan Blanco (R-Saipan), Antonio SN Borja (R-Tinian), Joel Camacho (R-Saipan), Luis "L.J." John Castro (R-Saipan), Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan), Joseph A. Flores (Ind-Saipan), Joe Itibus (R-Saipan), Richard Lizama (Ind-Saipan), Marco Peter (R-Saipan), Roman Benavente (R-Saipan), House floor leader John Paul Sablan (R-Saipan), and House Speaker Blas "B.J." Jonathan Attao (R-Saipan).

Reps. Donald Manglona

(Ind-Rota), Edwin K. Propst (Ind-Saipan), Tina Sablan (Ind-Saipan), Edmund Villagomez (Ind-Saipan), and Sheila Babauta (Ind-Saipan) voted against its passage.

Rep. Tina Sablan's request to summon DPL Secretary Marianne Teregeyo to be asked about the matter did not push through because she would reportedly be off-island.

Much to Sablan's disappointment, Teregeyo chose to direct her comments to the Senate Committee on Resources, Economic Develop-

ment and Programs in letters dated Feb. 21, 2019, and Oct. 2, 2019, respectively.

Several House members also expressed disappointment over what they described as Teregeyo's failure to at least send a substitute to represent DPL at the session to respond to homestead discussions.

Additionally, Teregeyo did not submit comments on the legislation to the House Committee on Natural Resources, chaired by Rep. Antonio SN Borja (R-Tinian).

According to the Office of

the Attorney General in an Oct. 16, 2019, letter to Borja, cutting down the time from two years to just 45 days were too significant of a change.

"A more reasonable time frame should be provided to the [DPL] secretary...to issue the deed of conveyance. Shortening the deadline from two years to just 45 days is a drastic change," Attorney General Edward Manibusan wrote to the committee.

The committee, however, was unable to incorporate the OAG's comments in their committee report, which was dated Oct. 2, 2019, two weeks from the date of the OAG's letter.

Opposition: DPL chief can't have absolute authority

One of several concerns that were brought up included Teregeyo's seemingly absolute authority over certification that provides that the homestead has complied with all laws, rules, and regulations that come with owning a homestead lot.

These include setting up of infrastructure for water, power, and sewage.

According to S.B. 21-10, the DPL secretary's certification is "final and not subject to review."

This provision troubled Rep. Sheila Babauta (Ind-

Saipan), who moved to delete the line altogether.

However, Rep. John Paul Sablan (R-Saipan) argued that the DPL secretary, like any other Cabinet member, is sworn into office and therefore has the legal obligation to uphold the laws and regulations of the CNMI.

Babauta rebutted that a certificate from DPL implies finality and including the language in the law leaves it open to interpretation and challenge.

Sablan eventually agreed to compromise by only amending the language and not having it omitted entirely. The agreed amendment still introduced a sense of finality to the secretary's certificate but it is still open to review.

Even though Sablan and Babauta reached a compromise after over an hour of heated discussions during recess, the amendment was ultimately defeated by a vote of 8-10.

Only Reps. Donald Manglona (Ind-Rota), Janet Maratita (R-Saipan), Edwin K. Propst (Ind-Saipan), Tina Sablan (Ind-Saipan), Edmund Villagomez (Ind-Saipan), Babauta, and Sablan voted in favor of the amendment but that was not enough to carry through a simple majority.

(Erwin Encinare)

Guam Vet Center builds capacity in the CNMI

The Guam Veterans Center is reaching out to veterans in the CNMI to register for their services to help build capacity on the island, which would help justify the need for a full-time staff who would cater to the needs of the islands' veterans.

As part of this effort, the Guam Veterans Center held a registration drive at the VA Outreach Clinic at the Marina Heights Business Park in Garapan last Monday to obtain a fuller listing of veterans in the CNMI.

"The long-term goal is to increase the number of veterans that are registered for the Vet Center services to build capacity here in the CNMI," said

GVC's Dr. Edward L. Santos. "We would like, in the future, to develop a position for a staff member, a readjustment counselor, to be able to be here full-time for the Vet Center. The first step is to demonstrate the need and to get more services out there."

The GVC team comes to Saipan once a month to provide a variety of services for the CNMI's veterans, including counseling, readjustment services, education and outreach, assistance for applying for Veterans Affairs benefits and referrals to medical services, employment referrals, other community resources.

Santos recognizes that coming to Saipan once a month is not enough, and would also not get the number of registered veterans to justify the need for the position. The more the veterans utilize the services, especially at the Veterans Center, the more the position can be justified, he said.

"We've got to step it up because seeing eight veterans a day or once a month, is never going to get to the number that we need to justify the position," Santos said, adding that they would add time for the veterans to register.

While registered in the CNMI, veterans can be provided

services from Guam through video, phone, or email. There are counselors in Guam who could provide support to CNMI veterans once they are registered.

"It is important not to lose the momentum. We have talked to [Delegate Kilili C.] Sablan's office and they understand the efforts to develop the [Community-Based Outpatient Clinics] and the efforts to get the Vet Center here. But, we build a position first and then from there, eventually expand it," Santos explained.

In the meantime, while the process to build that GVC capacity in the CNMI is ongoing, veterans on the islands can contact the GVC office at (671) 472-7161. *(Iva Maurin)*

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A Pre-bid Conference and a Site Visit is scheduled on **October 23 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at CUC Saipan Power Plant No. 1, Administration Building, Lower Base, Saipan and **October 24 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at CUC Rota Power Plant, Songsong Village, Rota, to ensure that the contractors are fully aware of the work involved and familiarize with the site conditions. All proposers are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the proposers due to lack of information or understanding of the plant site conditions in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid or performance of work under the contract.

One (1) Original and Five (5) Hard Copies of the bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "IFB CUC-19-038: Repair of Oil Storage Tanks, CUC Saipan and Rota power plants" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on November 18, 2019**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

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All insurers questions, concerns and qualification should be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). **Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.**

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract. Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

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Contractors are advised that the work will be carried out as a part of CUC response actions under the terms of Stipulated Order No. 2 (SO 2). CUC may split the contract work based on island location, i. e. separate contracts for the island of Saipan and Rota in the best interest of expediency and competitive rates. Project performance quality would be verified by third party quality assurance specialists with certified and approved credentials.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on October 28, 2019** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator, at email address mannysablan@cucgov.org, with a copy to CUC's Utility Coordinator/ ATMO at email address venugopal.prabhakara@cucgov.org and to Christie Sablan, Purchasing Technician, Senior, at email address christiesablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and waive any defects in said bid proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

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3-year probation for man in domestic violence case

A man accused of strangling his girlfriend inside her car and of crashing her vehicle into a tin fence of a tire shop in Chalan Piao has pleaded guilty and was slapped with a three-year probation sentence.

Christopher A. Ayuyu, 27, pleaded guilty Tuesday to as-

sault and battery (domestic violence) and criminal mischief as part of a plea deal with the CNMI government.

Superior Court Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio sentenced Ayuyu to a total of two years imprisonment, all suspended, and three years of

probation.

The one-year suspended sentence may be imposed on Ayuyu in full if he violates his probation.

Ayuyu was also ordered to pay \$1,050 in restitution to the victim for the damage to her car. He shall pay this amount at a rate of no less than \$50 per month.

He was also required to pay \$25 in court assessment fee and probation fee in an amount to be assessed by the Office of the Adult Probation.

Ayuyu was ordered to submit to an examination by the Community Guidance Center

and complete all recommended courses of treatment.

Ayuyu is not allowed to possess or consume any alcoholic beverages and is prohibited from having any contact with the victim during his probation.

As part of the plea agreement, assistant attorney general Chester Hinds, counsel for the government, moved to dismiss the remaining charges of strangulation (domestic violence) and disturbing the peace (domestic violence).

Assistant public defender Jean Pierre Nogues served as counsel for Ayuyu.

According to the plea deal, Ayuyu struck and beat the victim with his hands on May 26,

2018, on Saipan, causing red marks on her face. He also intentionally damaged the victim's car by crashing it.

According to police, a police officer was sent to the Dabao Tire Shop in Chalan Piao at 2:45pm on May 26, 2018, where it was reported that a car had hit the establishment's gate and there was a domestic violence in progress.

When the officer arrived, she saw a Mazda 3 car that had a damaged front end; its lower bumper was no longer attached. The officer then met the victim inside the tire shop; she was crying.

The victim complained of pain in her face. She told po-

lice that Ayuyu picked her up using her car at 1:30pm from a relative's house in Chalan Kanoa, drove her to Coral Ocean Point beach side, parked in the jungle area, and questioned her whereabouts the night before and who she was with. He then allegedly started hitting her with his elbow and then strangled her.

Ayuyu then drove the victim to the 999 Market next to the Dabao Tire Shop in Chalan Piao. The girlfriend ran to the tire shop and hid in the storage area.

She later heard a loud sound of her car hitting something. Ayuyu then walked away from the car. (Ferdie de la Torre)

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

MBP agrees to host Christmas-themed event

Christmas in the Marianas is limiting itself to 18 competitors. Children from other schools were directed to delay their tree decorating skills until next year. But, since learning delayed may actually be learning denied, the Marianas Business Plaza offers its itself to as many schools as possible as a venue to help children learn tree decoration, caroling, and Yule-time costume making. This is a time to be joyous. Come to an organizational meeting on Monday, Nov. 4, 4pm, at the Marianas Business Plaza (former Nauru building). Contact Levi, John or Mary at 234-6647 or 789-7614. (PR)

FOA auditions for Christmas production

There will be auditions this Sunday at 2pm at Marianas High School, Room C203 for the Friends of the Arts' upcoming Christmas show "The Miracle on 34th Street." Both adults and young actors are needed for this Dec. 26-29 production. Rehearsals will start soon after the cast is selected. Come in and try out for a role. (PR)

CHamoru commission meeting set

The Kumisón i Fino' CHamoru yan i Fina'nå'guen i Historia yan i Lina'la' i Tao-tao Tåno' (Commission on CHamoru Language and the Teaching of the History and Culture of the Indigenous People of Guam) will hold its first November monthly meeting on Nov. 7, 2019, Thursday, from 12:30pm to 3pm at the Guam Museum conference room, in Hågatña. Call Roland Blas, Kumisón secretary, for special accommodations and agenda at 480-4047 or email at rolandblas1973@gmail.com. (PR)

Golf tournament fundraiser for JKPL

The 4th Annual Friends of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library Golf Tournament Fundraiser will take place on Sunday, Nov. 10, at Laolao Bay Golf & Resort's west course. Game format is Low Gross and Double Peoria, 2-Person Scramble (Men and Women). Cost to participate is \$200 entry per team. All proceeds will help support the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library

and its resource and collection development, circulation materials, and library programs. Last day to register is Thursday, Nov. 7, at 5pm. (PR)

Saipan to host terrestrial conservation conference

The 3rd Annual Marianas Terrestrial Conservation Conference & Workshop will be held on Nov. 18-20, at the Hibiscus Hall of Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan in Garapan. Registration is free and open to the public, and will include presentations on terrestrial conservation, field trips and activities such as pre-conference proa rides and Mariana swiftlet field trip, and a lizard identification trip at American Memorial Park. To register, visit marianasterrestrialconservation.org. It also includes a birding trip, tree planting for Yutu recovery, Jeffrey's Beach tour, and native limestone forest hike. For more information about the conference, or for donations (financial or in-kind) to help with organizational costs as well as to raise funds to enable students to travel to the conference to present their research, email Jill Liske-Clark at liskeclark.cnmidfw@gmail.com. (PR)

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Trick or Treat!



The CNMI community went all out yesterday for Halloween, with many trick-or-treaters getting to the many different venues across the islands for just trick-or-treating or the safer alternative, "Trunk-o-Treat." IVA MAURIN



McDonald's Saipan got all spooky and scary this Halloween. Its branches in Garapan and Middle Road went all out, decked in ghouls, pumpkin trees, spiders, and even eyes made out of sundae covers! It's not a trick but most definitely a treat!

CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

DFEMS inspector denies reviewing fire system permit application

A fire inspector of the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services denies reviewing an application for a fire system permit by a company that is suing him and former DFEMS commissioner Claudio K. Norita.

Fire Inspector Anthony Babauta stated in an affidavit that he had never interacted with Double A Corp. or its principal in November 2017.

The affidavit was filed in the U.S. District Court in support of Norita's motion for summary judgment in connection with Double A's lawsuit.

Double A installs fire sprinkler systems. It sued Norita and Babauta last March, accusing them of refusing to accept its permit application for a sprinkler system and causing it to lose a \$410,150 contract. Double A is suing Norita and Babauta for deprivation of property without due process.

In his affidavit, Babauta said he never reviewed Double A's application at any point as to examine it for sufficiency or for the purposes of determining whether the permit should be issued or not, nor to accept or deny the application.

Babauta said Norita designated him in 2015 with the authority, up until the end of Norita's term in May 2019, to accept, approve, or deny

USCIS makes another form available for online filing

WASHINGTON, D.C.—U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services announced yesterday that petitioners can now complete and file Form I-130, Petition For Alien Relative, online.

Online filing allows aliens to submit forms electronically, check the status of their case, and receive notices from USCIS.

"Form I-130 is one of the most widely filed USCIS forms," said USCIS acting director Ken Cuccinelli. "As we continue our transition to paperless operations, petitioners can now experience the convenience of filing electronically. USCIS is increasing the number of forms available for online filing to make our agency more effective and efficient."

With this addition, individuals can now file eight USCIS forms online:

- Form I-90, Application to Replace Permanent Resident Card

- Form I-130, Petition for Alien Relative

- Form I-539, Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status (Form I-539 is the first online application filing that uses USCIS' eProcessing strategy. Check your eligibility for online filing of this form at uscis.gov/i539online.)

- Form N-336, Request for a Hearing on a Decision

permits and certification applications in accordance with the International Fire Code, as mandated by NMI Administrative Code.

With the designation, Babauta reviewed and approved or disapproved permit applications, along with the DFEMS commissioner.

He pointed out that he could only provide recommendations and that it was Norita who could make the ultimate decisions on applications.

Babauta said that, from 2015 through 2019, Norita was the only authorized decision-maker at DFEMS on permit and certification applications, as described in Double A's lawsuit.

Babauta said he does not have the authority to review an appeal should a protest arise from a denied application.

He said that in November 2017, Norita was still the commissioner and had the sole authority to accept or deny permit and certification applications as described in the lawsuit.

Babauta said he did not make any decision or representation pertaining to the review or ultimate denial of Double A's application.

At the time of Double A's submission of its application to DFEMS in November

in Naturalization Proceedings (Under Section 336 of the INA)

- Form N-400, Application for Naturalization
- Form N-565, Application for Replacement Naturalization/Citizenship Document
- Form N-600, Application for Certificate of Citizenship
- Form N-600K, Application for Citizenship and Issuance of Certificate Under Section 322

To file these forms online, individuals must first create a USCIS online account at myaccount.uscis.dhs.gov. This free account allows them to:

- Submit and track the status of their forms;
- Pay their fees;
- Track the status of their case;
- Communicate with USCIS through a secure inbox; and
- Respond to requests for evidence.

USCIS still accepts the latest paper version of all forms by mail.

USCIS is using innovation and technology to meet the needs of applicants, petitioners, employees, and stakeholders. Regardless of the paper or electronic format of an application or petition, USCIS is committed to ensuring a secure and efficient process for all. (USCIS)

the following month.

To his knowledge, Babauta said, the DFEMS Division of Fire Prevention maintains a list of companies and persons who have previously installed fire suppression system that were approved. This list, he said, has no impact upon the approval of any installed fire system.

In his affidavit, Norita said he never denied a fire system permit from Double A.

Norita's declaration was attached to support his motion for a summary judgment that seeks to have the suit dismissed.

Norita said he never spoke with Proper Grand CNMI LLC about Double A or any

fire sprinkler system that was to be installed in 2017 in any complex or building it owned.

Double A, through counsel Joseph E. Horey, asked the federal court to hold Norita and Babauta liable to pay the company an unspecified amount for damages, court costs, and attorney's fees.

According to Horey in the complaint, Double A, which is engaged in the construction business with a specialty in fire sprinkler system and fire suppression, submitted on Oct. 20, 2017, a quotation to Proper Grand CNMI for the installation of a fire sprinkler system at the Sugar King Dormitory, which Proper

Grand operates.

Horey said Proper Grand agreed to hire Double A for the project for \$410,150.

The lawyer said Double A applied for a permit with Babauta that would authorize it to install the sprinkler system.

Babauta allegedly refused to accept any permit application from Double A, failed to issue the permit sought, and failed to examine the company's application within a reasonable time.

Horey said Double A appealed to Norita and that Norita also refused to accept any permit application from Double A and failed to state the reasons for his rejection of the application. (Ferdie de la Torre)

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President Trump is right to mark the death al-Baghdadi as a victory

One mark of how far we have fallen into the politics of division is the blowback the White House has experienced after the killing of Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi.

Now let's first stipulate that no one on this side of civilized society would seriously argue the world was a better place with al-Baghdadi in it. He was, after all, the leader of the Islamic State group that unleashed forces of tyranny, violence and destruction through parts of Syria and Iraq. His men also sacked cities, exploited all who fell under their control and created one of the largest refugee crises in modern history, as anyone with the ability fled to far-flung corners of the region and world.

Al-Baghdadi was a man who gave us live beheadings and torture, and who also personally took pleasure in human misery. Kayla Mueller, an American abducted in Aleppo, Syria, was one of his victims. Kidnapped in 2013, she died in 2015 after, reportedly, al-Baghdadi had raped her multiple times.

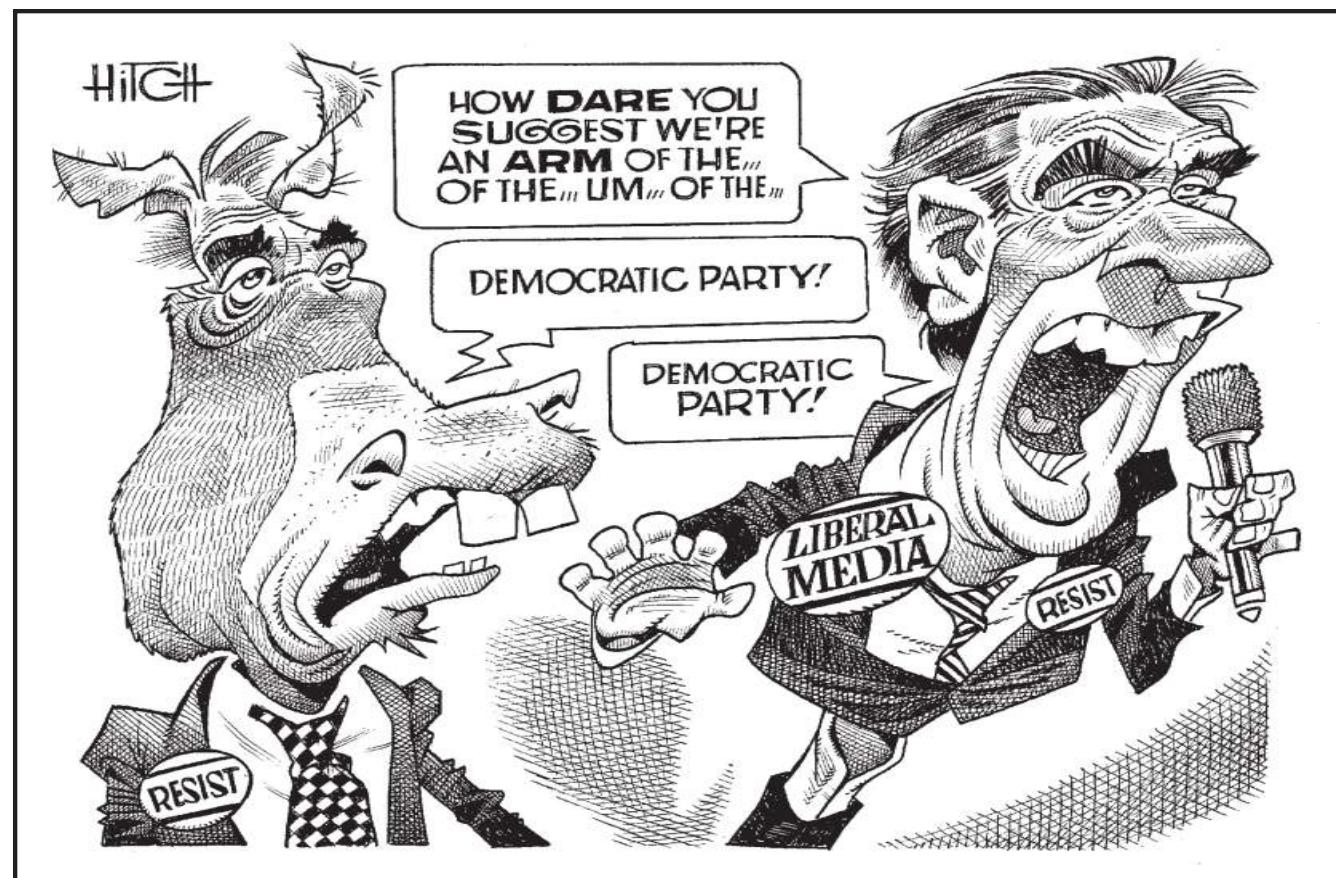
So when American special forces caught up to al-Baghdadi over the weekend in a daring raid, it was a good example of one of our enemies being brought to justice, or, more accurately, justice being brought to an enemy of civilized society.

Let's also stipulate that how President Donald Trump talked about this raid, especially on the heels of his withdrawal of support for the Kurds in parts of Syria, all but invited some criticism. The raid, after all, appears to have been made possible in part by intelligence gathered through the Kurds, and it was the kind of military mission that will be harder to perform with a smaller American footprint on the ground. Other critical voices also piped up to say that this raid was just another swing of the hammer in a never ending game of whack-a-mole. Another terrorist leader will surely take al-Baghdadi's place.

We agree that the administration should not have pulled back support for the Kurds, and instead it should be offering a clear vision with moral purpose for the war against extremists that would perpetrate violence against us and undermine democratic governments in the Middle East.

But don't count us among the voices who have a critical word to say about the al-Baghdadi raid. It was a brave move, and a decision Trump deserves credit for and rightly should characterize as a victory. Our special forces who conducted the raid once again demonstrated the power of a professional military dedicated to the preservation of a free society.

And as for the whack-a-mole aspect to this war, we will say only that in combat, tempo matters. This raid delivered a blow to a dangerous terrorist organization, and now every ounce of energy it spends reconstituting itself is that much less energy available to perpetrating attacks against us and our allies.



A numbers game

Starting soon in Koblerville then spreading around the island, numbers will be assigned by our mayor to our houses. I'm not too keen on the idea but I'm sure it's "progress" of some kind to bear a label tattooed on our abodes so the computers can keep better track of the herd.

In a perverse sort of way I like explaining to people that we don't have house numbers here. We all go to the post office to get our mail. We describe our location by 'turn left past the XO Market, as the road bears left, my house is the orange and white one under the huge mango tree (now where the huge mango tree used to be before Yutu came to visit). If the dog doesn't bite you, it's not my house.' No-numbers gives us a laidback, island-style sort of cachet. I like it this way.

Years ago a commission assigned street names to most of our streets. You know the ones, the ones most of us don't use because the street signs long since blew away in the first typhoon that came along. Sometimes the signs are still there or have been replaced but, obstinately, we don't use the "new" name of the street anyway. Middle Road or Pale Arnold? Cross Island Road or the Back Road or Isa Drive? Marpi Road or Chalan Pale Arnold? You know what I'm talking about. I'm sure there is method to the madness of the naming rubric used but we may need to duplicate the exact mindset they were in at the time to be able to crack the code. Plants over here, countries over there, occasionally something that actually has some historical meaning in the neighborhood context (those were obviously oversights on the naming editor's part). According to the article, some 250 streets remain unnamed. I am surprised we have 250 streets total. Some of these must be driveways. The rest are maybe two track dirt roads through the jungle. It appears they will allow property owners and others to name their own streets.

Anyway, once we have numbers emblazoned on our garage door I guess it won't be long before the final degradation of putting the street signs back up will be funded and we will join the rest of the civilized world in that big flat plan map in the sky that knows where everybody is.

Sure, there are positive things that will come of this. A friend pointed out to me that emergency vehicles can more easily find your house. Yeah, maybe. In a medical emergency my house is the one with the tall idiot standing in the front lawn screaming "this way" "in here" "quick" because the dog ate my son's homework and it's now hung up in his intestines. Something about the spiral-bound winding of the notebook didn't suit his digestion. I say if the ambulance driver doesn't know where the XO Market is, he won't be finding my house, street sign, number on the door or not.

One possible positive is that instead of 10,000 people going to the post office every day, 50 guys from the post office come outside in the sunshine and deliver our mail right to our door. Now that's convenience. Plus it's good for hardware store sales as every house on the island scurries about finding a box, and a post, and a shovel and some concrete so that ubiquitous monument to

SOUR GRAPES

By BRUCE BATEMAN

Special to the Saipan Tribune

Bruce A. Bateman resides on Saipan with a wife, a son, and an unknown number of boondie dogs. He has owned and operated a number of unusual businesses and most recently worked as the marketing manager for MVA. Bruce likes to read, travel, tinker with bicycles, hike, swim, and play a bit of golf. He is opinionated and writes when the moon is full and the mood strikes.



modern civilization, the mailbox, can be enshrined beside our driveway next to the street.

Problem is, in a PR news article the other day, the post office was reaching out valiantly trying to find ways to improve their customer service to the community, but nowhere in the article did the PO mention any plans to actually drive around in little USPS jeeps and deliver the mail. That would be the most important and best way to improve customer service, and it would add a few local jobs. To be fair, another news article indicated that the Saipan Mayor's Office (in charge of the numbering and naming scheme) was reaching out to the PO so they could break the numbering and naming code and be able to find our individual houses. (Image of postal clerk with a green eyeshade hunched over a WWII code machine saying ahaaa). Sadly, in a late breaking quote from the local postmaster, "There are currently no plans for new services at the Saipan post office." There is a reason they call it "going postal."

If given the opportunity to choose, I'm naming my driveway Ming Place, after the Emperor. (If that makes no sense to you, try googling Flash Gordon).

Skymark

Nov. 29th, the launch of direct daily flights from Narita to Saipan, is just around the corner. See if there is something you can do personally to help welcome the first flights and if there is something you can do to help spruce up our island paradise for all our incoming visitors to enjoy, no matter where they come from. A coat of paint, a banner of welcome. Join a roadside waving. Even a smile and a greeting will be noticed and appreciated by our visitors.

Thanks for reading Sour Grapes! Next week we'll look at the exciting new Heritage Trail.

"When they call the roll in the Senate, the senators do not know whether to answer 'present' or 'not guilty.'"

—Theodore Roosevelt

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Positive vision

The southernmost island of Rota is slated to see major economic expansion shortly when its casino industry is established early next year, according to Sen. President Victor Hocog.

Hocog noted that this impending investment is a sign of optimism that the island would see resurgence in private industry investment. "It ought to bring along accompanying investments that would complement those already established here."

It's an investment plan that should encourage new money for island needs and the NMI, Hocog said.

"We're optimistic that revenue generation from this industry should ably help us cover most basic needs, including the establishment of a dialysis program on Rota," Sen. Terry Santos said. "We should resolve the issue, an urgent concern that would be of great help to hemodialysis patients."

Hocog noted the pluses of a casino on Rota being situated "three hours away from the more populated neighbor like Guahan."

"When the industry settles down we should focus on disposition of funds to aid the future wellbeing of our people or economic prosperity," the senators noted. "Sufficiency of funds ought to help resolve urgent needs at home".

"The impending investment ought to grant the island economic opportunities and stability that would encourage our very own to return home and work", the senators pointed out.

Sen. Santos keeps abreast of medical referral patients. She said that it's hard for seriously ill dialysis patients that have to endure going to off-island medical centers for specialty help. The eventual establishment of a dialysis center on Rota should help patients seek treatment at home.

Hocog and Santos have persistently followed pertinent issues of interest for their people in our legislative institution. They've also expressed a healthy assessment of the general needs of the NMI.

They know it's a tough job that requires resolute commitment to tough it out from A-Z and they have no plans surrendering fiduciary duty either.

50 years ago, I helped invent the internet. How did it go so wrong?

When I was a young scientist working on the fledgling creation that came to be known as the internet, the ethos that defined the culture we were building was characterized by words such as ethical, open, trusted, free, shared. None of us knew where our research would lead, but these words and principles were our beacon.

We did not anticipate that the dark side of the internet would emerge with such ferocity. Or that we would feel an urgent need to fix it.

How did we get from there to here?

While studying for my doctorate at MIT in the early 1960s, I recognized the need to create a mathematical theory of networks that would allow disparate computers to communicate. Later that decade, the Advanced Research Projects Agency—a research funding arm of the Department of Defense created in response to Sputnik—determined it needed a network based on my theory so that its computer research centers could share work remotely.

My UCLA computer lab was selected to be the first node of this network. Fifty years ago—on Oct. 29, 1969—a simple "Lo" became the first internet message, from UCLA to Stanford Research Institute. We had typed the first two letters of "login" when the network crashed.

This quiet little moment of transmission over that two-computer communication network is regarded as the founding moment of the internet.

During its first 25 years, the internet grew dramatically and organically with the user community seeming to follow the same positive principles the scientists did. We scientists sought neither patents nor private ownership of this networking technology. We were nerds in our element, busily answering the challenge to create new technology that would benefit the world.

Around 1994, the internet began to change quickly as dot-coms came online, the network channels escalated to gigabit speeds and the World Wide Web became a common household presence. That same year, Amazon was founded and Netscape, the first commercial web browser, was released.

And on April 12, 1994, a "small" moment with enormous meaning occurred: The transmission of the first widely circulated spam email message, a brazen advertisement. The collective response of our science community was "How dare they?" Our miraculous creation, a "research" network capable of boundless

Events

Comforting the happy faces of our people I see daily most everywhere we meet. A huge loud smile says it all. *Buenas!*

Equally concerning behind the felicitation are layers of issues conveniently hidden out of polite respect. It's information I'd probe given that our simple folks have not the courage to say their piece openly. This is where my role comes into full view.

Perhaps it's a matter of trust that they convey their concerns to the undersigned without holding back. Moreover, anyone who takes the time to explain the issue eventually tells the inside story of the story.

Interesting that uppermost in most expressions I've heard relates to poverty income level wages and salaries for nearly 15,000 employees NMI-wide.

Definitely, the issue requires a healthy economy. The question still remains with you: what have you done to encourage resurgence of private industry investment here to fulfill your promise of more income?

The concept doesn't pan out like instant soba by its sheer usage in a sentence. It requires serious planning among key players. Herein lies the task and it's up to Da Boysis to make or break it. EVERbody home?

Gathering

It's healthy, though, sharing our views that enrich our wisdom as a community. It's the very tool of refinement in our working relationship to improve the quality of life at home. It's the single most vital goal or objective!

Culturally, a disagreement instantly turns into hostility or literal enemies. We've outgrown this for we welcome differing views.

It's the only way to learn, understand and appreciate your fellow man's perspective. After all, no one has been conferred wisdom all unto himself! Thus the necessity to share views, you know, the proverbial expression: "Two heads are better

computing magnificence, had been hijacked to sell ... detergent? By 1995, the internet had 50 million users worldwide. The commercial world had recognized something we had not foreseen: The internet could be used as a powerful shopping machine, a gossip chamber, an entertainment channel and a social club. The internet had suddenly become a money-making machine.

With the profit motive taking over the internet, the very nature of innovation changed. Averting risk dominated the direction of technical progress. We no longer pursued "moonshots." Instead advancement came via baby steps—"design me a 5% faster Bluetooth connection" as opposed to "build me an internet." A once-convivial online community transformed into one of competition, antagonism and extremism.

And then as the millennium ended, our revolution took a more disturbing turn that we continue to grapple with today.

By suddenly providing the power for anyone to immediately reach millions of people inexpensively and anonymously, we had inadvertently also created the perfect formula for the "dark" side to spread like a virus all over the world. Today more than 50% of email is spam, but far more troubling issues have emerged—including denial of service attacks that can immobilize critical financial institutions and malicious botnets that can cripple essential infrastructure sectors.

Other dangerous players, such as nation-states, started coming onto the scene around 2010, when Stuxnet malware appeared. Organized crime recognized the internet could be used for international money laundering, and extremists found the internet to be a convenient megaphone for their radical views.

Artificial intelligence, machine learning, facial recognition, biometrics and other advanced technologies could be used by governments to weaken democratic institutions.

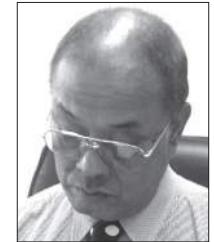
The balkanization of the internet is now conceivable as firewalls spring up around national networks. We could try to push the internet back toward its ethical roots. It would be a complex challenge requiring a joint effort by interested parties—which means pretty much everyone.

We should pressure government officials and entities to more zealously monitor and adjudicate such internet abuses as cyberattacks, data breaches and piracy. Governments also should provide a forum to bring interested parties together to problem-solve.

Citizen-users need to hold websites more accountable. When

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Special to the Saipan Tribune



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than one."

Health Cost

Meanwhile, there are various health proposals being floated in the U.S. Congress. One by Sen. Elizabeth Warren offers Medicare-For-All that hopes to decrease cost among millions of families.

But preliminary cost analysis says otherwise, which could easily mean every person must cough up some \$40,000 a year. No wonder she's mum, just like the bout with her bio.

I was hoping for some meaningful rhetorical refutations from presidential candidate Joe Biden but I heard he doesn't know how to debate. And he's running for the top post? Is it his age (76 years old)? Should Dems settle for Fauxahontas?

"Not yet...."

Around town sometime it's eerie the echo of dreadful silence all over when we should be singing One Paddle. Quite concerning the issues people raise quietly too.

The smile behind their faces display a heavy quiet message of hardship only a mindful person could sense. And how many elected officials have we on Da Hills of Saipan snoozing and drooling behind the wheels? EVERbody home?

By LEONARD KLEINROCK

Los Angeles Times



Leonard Kleinrock is distinguished professor of computer science at the UCLA Samueli School of Engineering.

was the last time a website asked what privacy policy you would like applied to you? You should be able to clearly articulate your preferred privacy policy and reject websites that don't meet your standards. This means websites should provide a privacy policy customized to you, something they should be able to do since they already customize the ads you see. Websites should also be required to take responsibility for any violations and abuses of privacy that result from their services.

Scientists need to create more advanced methods of encryption to protect individual privacy by preventing perpetrators from using stolen databases. We are working on technologies that would hide the origin and destination of data moving around the network, thereby diminishing the value of captured network traffic. Blockchain, the technology that underpins bitcoin and other digital currencies, also offers the promise of irrefutable, indisputable data ledgers.

If we work together to make these changes happen, it might be possible to return to the internet I knew.

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"In this world one must have a name; it prevents confusion, even when it does not establish identity. Some, though, are known by numbers, which also seem inadequate distinctions."

—Ambrose Bierce,

The Moonlit Road and Other Ghost and Horror Stories

"It may be conceded to the mathematicians that four is twice two. But two is not twice one; two is two thousand times one."

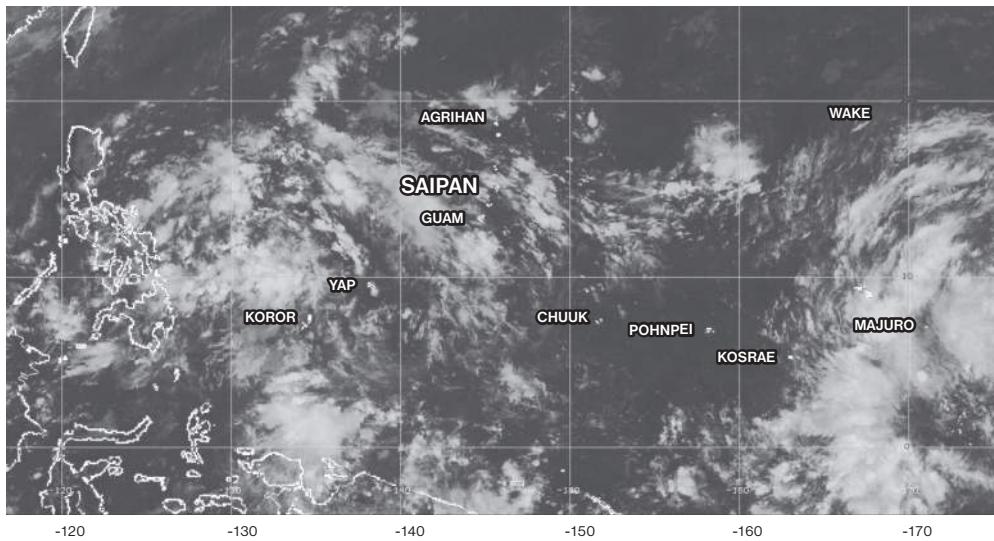
—G. K. Chesterton

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 5 to 10 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
87°	77°	89°	78°	87°
76°	87°	77°	87°	77°

YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 7:21 AM, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2019

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

With the main area of showers and thunderstorms now to the west, decided to reduce POPs for today, however, more clouds and isolated thunderstorms will remain in the area for Guam and Rota today before spreading back northward tonight as an upper-level low approaches the area. Drier weather is expected in time for the weekend. The long-term outlook remains fairly dry even though models bring a developing circulation toward the area early next week from Eastern Micronesia. This circulation is still shown to eventually get pulled northward, never passing west of 150E. For the most part, clouds and increased precipitation are expected to stay well to the east.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA		▲	▼	°F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	85°	/	78°
Palau	Thunderstorms	86°	/	78°
Yap	Thunderstorms	86°	/	79°
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	88°	/	80°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	88°	/	76°
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	88°	/	76°
Majuro	Thunderstorms	85°	/	80°

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲	▼	°F
Auckland	Windy	63°	/	55°
Beijing	Mostly Cloudy	61°	/	46°
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	82°	/	73°
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	85°	/	74°
London	Showers	61°	/	48°
Los Angeles	Sunny	82°	/	53°
Manila	Thunderstorms	88°	/	79°
Melbourne	Rain	70°	/	55°
Miami	Partly Cloudy	85°	/	79°
New York	Sunny	56°	/	41°
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	70°	/	55°
Paris	Showers	55°	/	48°
Busan	Mostly Cloudy	68°	/	57°
Rome	Partly Cloudy	70°	/	57°
Salem	Sunny	60°	/	38°
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	62°	/	46°
Seoul	Cloudy	64°	/	45°
Tokyo	Sunny	64°	/	46°
Washington, DC	Sunny	55°	/	38°

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TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY FEET			
4:22 AM	LOW TIDE	-0.36	
11:30 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.77	
5:09 PM	LOW TIDE	1.11	
9:37 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.63	

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:12 AM	5:48 PM
Saturday	6:13 AM	5:47 PM
Sunday	6:13 AM	5:47 PM
Monday	6:13 AM	5:47 PM
Tuesday	6:14 AM	5:46 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	9:56 AM	9:29 PM	-
Saturday	10:52 AM	10:23 PM	-
Sunday	11:44 AM	11:16 PM	-
Monday	12:31 PM	-	-
Tuesday	-	12:08 AM	1:15 PM

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF OCTOBER 27, 2019

DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA117	9:15am	9:55am	Daily	UA174	7:30am	8:10am	Daily
UA105	6:20pm	7:00pm	2, 4	UA104	4:50pm	5:30pm	2, 4
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
7C3451	3:20am	6:30am	Daily	7C3452	9:35pm	2:30am+1	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
				7C3452	10:05pm	2:30am+1	3
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
TW308	2:05am	6:05am	Daily	OZ6233	8:00am	1:20pm	2, 4, 6
OZ626	2:10am	6:10am	1	OZ623	8:55am	2:30pm	1, 3, 5, 7
OZ626	2:50am	6:25am	3, 7	7C3402	10:10am	3:30pm	Daily
OZ626	2:50am	6:40am	2, 4, 5, 6	OZ625	7:30pm	1:00am+1	7
7C3403	4:35am	8:35am	Daily	TW307	7:45pm	1:05am+1	Daily
OZ6243	3:20pm	7:10pm	2, 4, 6	OZ625	8:20pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
OZ624	3:50pm	7:40pm	1, 3, 5, 7	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
7C3401	4:30pm	8:25pm	Daily				
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:50am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:30pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)				HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN			
JD396	7:30am	12:05pm	1	JD395	8:05am	3:30pm	4
JD396	4:50pm	7:55pm	4	JD395	8:50pm	5:00am+1	7
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:30am	7:50am	2, 6	3U8645	8:10pm	3:10am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	1:30am	6:00am	3, 5, 7	MU763	4:50pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ626/701	2:10am	10:35am	1 via ICN	UA184/174	12:40am	8:07am+1	3, 6 via GUM
OZ626/701	2:50am	10:35am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ702/625	12:05pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
UA117/183	9:15am	9:50pm	Daily via				

NMC sets Cash for College workshops

Students who are looking for help in finding money to pay for college are encouraged to attend the upcoming Cash for College workshops hosted by Northern Marianas College.

At the workshops, participants will be provided with personal, step-by-step assistance in completing college financial aid forms, focusing especially on forms for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, CNMI Scholarship, Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance, Tinian Municipal Scholarship, Rota Municipal Scholarship, and the TEACH Grant. Workshop participants can also have their financial aid documents notarized and photocopied, all without any charges or fees.

The Cash for College event will be held on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota on the following dates:

- Nov. 14, 2019, from 10am to 1pm in Building D and the Library, Tinian Campus
- Nov. 22, 2019, from 9am to 12pm in Building A-1, Rota Campus
- Nov. 23, 2019, from 9am to 12pm, between Buildings N and O, Saipan Campus

Staff members from the college's Office of Admissions and Records will also be present during the Cash for College on Saipan to provide information and assistance with the NMC admission application process.

In addition, those who participate in the workshop will qualify to have their NMC application fee and placement test fees waived for the upcoming spring 2020 semester—a savings of up to \$75.

Although not required, it is recommended that workshop participants bring a valid form of identification (e.g., a valid U.S. passport, copy of valid application for a U.S. passport, birth certificate, or green card), an official transcript from high school (at least three official copies), their high school diploma, a copy of 2017 and 2018 1040, copy of 2017 and 2018 W-2 (if not filing), and proof of CNMI residency, including proof of continuing residency. Applicants for SHEFA should bring a valid U.S. passport or a voter registration card.

For more information, contact the NMC Financial Aid Office at 237-6792 or email daisy.propst@marianas.edu. (NMC)

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Business

Salty's Grill & Café: A 'you name it, you got it' place

By BEA CABRERA
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Salty's Grill & Café is one of the few wholly Japanese-owned bars still operating on Saipan.

It's also known for being a lunch and dining place, a bar, and a take-out place in one location.

You can say that Salty's Grill & Café is definitely a "you name it, you got it" kind of place and customers also get to experience the best flavors of Chamorro and Japanese cuisines.

"Every customer that spends time here at Salty's, we hope that they enjoy their visit," said general manager Taka Tanzawa

"My staff are mostly locals so customers especially the Japanese market really enjoy the vibe, energy, and customer service... we moved at this



PHOTOS BY BEA CABRERA

Salty's Grill & Café located on Beach Road (beside McDonald's) serves specialty Chamorro and Japanese dishes.

location two years ago (from Garapan) and this place is better for us as there is ample parking and a nice view of the ocean," Tanzawa added.



Salty's Grill & Café general manager Taka Tanzawa is excited for the Japanese market coming back to the island with regular flights from Narita, Japan by Skylark Airlines scheduled to begin Nov. 29.

Salty's is proud to have the best flavors in one place starting with local favorites such as tuna poke, loco moco, and chicken kelaguen which are available from 5pm onwards.

During lunch time from 11am to 2pm, Salty's is also a

popular place where people go and the menu includes curry and pasta dishes.

"Our curry comes in beef, pork, shrimp, and chicken and there is nothing like it on island as my chef mixes the right amount of spices and ingredients. We also have a

special steak special that I recommend people try," Tanzawa said.

"Our vongole pasta comes in regular sauce and tomato sauce. Lunch goes from \$10 to \$12 and goes with soup, Saipan salad, and iced tea," Tanzawa added.

According to Tanzawa, Salty's happy hour is filled with promos from 5pm to 6pm. "Saipan Brewing Beer is only \$5 and other drinks like cocktails are a dollar off from its regular price. Our patio outside is the best place to catch the sunset with your favorite drink," he said.

"... our last kitchen call is at 8:45pm but if our customers still want to have a drink after 10pm, from the dining area they can transfer to the bar," he added.

Tanzawa expressed excitement over the launch of regular flights from Narita, Japan



Salty's Grill & Café's popular lunch beef curry comes with soup, Saipan salad, and iced tea.

by Skymark Airlines Inc. starting Nov. 29.

"We look forward to that as we expect the influx Japanese tourists once again on island. We have been busy planning to do something for them," he said.

Salty's Grill & Café is located on Beach Road (beside McDonald's). They are open Monday to Saturday 11am to 2pm for lunch and 5pm onwards for happy hour and dinner. For more information, you can call (670)233-7258 or go to their Facebook page: Salty's Grill & Café.

The Tsubaki Tower to open in Guam April 25

Premier Hotel Group (Ken Real Estate Leasing Co., Ltd.), owner and operator of 32 hotels in Japan, mainland U.S., and Guam/Saipan, announces the official grand opening of its newest top-class hotel in Guam "The Tsubaki Tower" on April 25, 2020.

The resort is now open for reservations for all its 340 rooms, including 62 suites on its official website (URL: <https://tsubakitower.premierhotel-group.com/guam/>)

Located on the cliff of Tumon Bay, leading to beautiful Gun Beach, The Tsubaki Tower is one of the highest hotels in Tumon. The resort offers a spectacular view of the Pacific Ocean while being at a walking distance of the Tumon city center, where duty-free shops and shopping facilities are located.

The Tsubaki Tower's style has been inspired by the power of nature. The hotel's sophisticated scenery echoes to contemporary luxury along with local landscapes. The hotel has been conceived to reflect Guam's cosmopolitan atmosphere together with its ancestral traditions and history. Influenced by both local art and nature, The Tsubaki Tower offers the absolute high-end environment.

All hotel rooms offer oceanfront views and are the largest standard rooms in Guam. The standard rooms start at 45 square meters with additional 13 square meters balconies. The resort also features two types of dining, three types of bars, a lobby lounge, a deli, a takeout cafe, as well as services unique in the Island, such as a 24-hour In-room dining with special menus created to be enjoyed on the Guestrooms balconies.

About the reservation opening

The Tsubaki Tower is open to reservations from Wednesday, Oct. 30, 12pm. For reservation details check the official website at the following address: (<https://tsubakitower.premierhotel-group.com/guam/>).

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Facilities introduction

Rooms

The totality of The Tsubaki Tower's rooms features an oceanfront view, offering spectacular landscapes over Tumon Bay from any guestrooms. Guests can relax in

our sophisticated rooms designed to recall Guam's sea. The standard room type "Camellia Room" measures 45 square meters, making the Tsubaki Tower rooms the largest standard room on Guam. All guestrooms feature a large balcony, a 65-inch smart TV, a complimentary minibar and a premium turndown service.

Fine dining

Milano Grill La Stella

Located on the very top of our hotel, the Milano Grill La Stella, meaning "the star" in Italian, was designed to recreate the atmosphere of a dinner under the starry sky of Guam. Our fine dining offers an exquisite Italian food experience with breathtaking views over the Pacific Ocean.

Buffet Restaurant Casa Oceano

Designed as a "diving experience under the ocean", our buffet restaurant Casa Oceano, meaning "The Ocean's house" in Spanish, serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner in a elegant atmosphere. Our guests can enjoy various types of meals and flavors from Guam, as well as around the world. Casa Oceano also features 20 meters long open kitchen where



The Tsubaki Tower Lobby Lounge at sunset. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

our guests can enjoy high quality ingredients.

Fanhåle Lobby Lounge

The Fanhåle' Lobby lounge ("to take roots" in Chamorro) is the ideal place to relax while looking at the ocean. Our lounge has been designed to gather people in a fresh atmosphere, surrounded by natural light. Guests can enjoy our original afternoon tea inspired by traditional sweets and beautified by the Japanese savoir-faire.

La Cantina

Meaning in "Wine Cave" in Italian, La Cantina offers a wide array of wines from all over the world. La Cantina also offers inventive cocktails and premium spirits and beers. Guests are invited to try on our legendary cocktails in-

spired by the local legends and myths. Located on 27th floor, La Cantina is the perfect place to admire the breathtaking views while drinking one of our specialty cocktail and listening to jazz or acoustic music while watching the island's spectacular sunset.

Gadao Bar

Named in honor of Guam's legend "Chief Gadao," a famous chief who protected Guam's villages, the Gadao bar serves a variety of drinks during the day and turns into a whiskey specialty bar at night. The Gadao is the perfect bar for guests who enjoy an intimate atmosphere or are liquor enthusiasts.

Nunu Bar

Nunu tree or "Taotaomo'na tree" in Chamorro, are tradi-

tionally known for being the homes of the ancestors spirits of the Chamorro people. Our guests are invited to enjoy Guam under their protection and guidance. The Nunu bar is the most casual bar of the hotel serving cocktails, drinks, smoothies and snacks in a relaxed ambiance. Enjoy cocktails while seating at the bar or relaxing on our sofas or refreshing on our exclusive immerged pool chairs. The experience will become even more special during the evening when guests can be entertained by our fountain show and while enjoy the night pool.

Other facilities

Infinity Pool

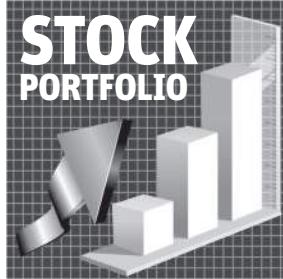
A 420sqm beautifully designed infinity pool overlooking Tumon Bay. Guest can experience boundlessness relaxing between the water and the sky.

The plaza

The Garden plaza is home of various activities such as evening cinema and garden parties or morning yoga.

Sky Wedding

Our outdoor chapel is located on the 27th floor. Fantastic wedding ceremony can be performed in a heavenly atmosphere.



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3,046.77
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27,186.69
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+0.33% 

In U.S. dollar terms

EXCHANGE RATES

Australian Dollar	1.44
British Pound	0.77
Canadian Dollar	1.32
Chinese Yuan	6.92
Euro	0.90

Hong Kong Dollar **7.84**

Indian Rupee	70.11
Japanese Yen	108.64
Malaysian Ringgit	4.13
New Zealand Dollar	1.56
Philippine Peso	49.79

Russian Ruble **63.59**

Singapore Dollar	1.36
South Korean Won	1,140.51
Swiss Franc	0.99
Taiwan Dollar	29.89
Thailand Baht	30.14

Nation

US economy grows at modest 1.9% rate in third quarter

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U.S. economy slowed to a modest growth rate of 1.9% in the summer as consumer spending downshifted and businesses continued to trim their investments in response to trade war uncertainty and a weakening global economy.

The Commerce Department reported Wednesday that the July-September performance for the gross domestic product, the economy's total output of goods and services, was just below the 2% rate of growth in the second quarter.

Economists had been forecasting a much bigger slowdown with fears GDP could slump to 1.4% or less given a number of headwinds.

Still, the GDP gain was far below the 3%-plus increases that President Donald Trump has set as a benchmark to demonstrate that his policies are succeeding in lifting the economy above the modest 2.2% growth of the Obama years.

Consumer spending, which accounts for 70% of economic activity, grew at a solid 2.9% rate in the third quarter, but it was still a slowdown after a 4.6% surge in the second quarter.

There were signs the trade battle and weak global growth were taking a toll as businesses cut back on their investment spending for a second straight quarter in the face of rising

uncertainty. Business investment in structures plunged at a 15.3% rate in the third quarter after a sharp 11.1% drop in the second quarter.

Residential investment, which had been falling for six quarters, finally saw an increase, rising at a 5.1% rate, a gain that reflected the impact lower mortgage rates from the Federal Reserve's rate cuts were having on sales and construction plans.

Government spending slowed to a growth rate of 2%, down from a 4.8% gain in the second quarter, with federal spending and state and local government spending all slowing.

The trade deficit, which has widened as Chinese retaliatory tariffs have hurt farm sales, trimmed GDP growth by about 0.1 percentage-point in the third quarter.

Economists believe growth

could slow further in the current October-December quarter and into next year, given all the economic risks.

"We see GDP momentum softening ... as global headwinds, lingering policy uncertainty and squeezed profits erode employment growth and confidence," said Gregory Daco, chief U.S. economist at Oxford Economics.

Growth this year is forecast to come in around 2.3%, down

from 2.9% last year. Many analysts are forecasting a further slowdown to GDP growth of around 1.5% in 2020. That would be a disappointment to the president, who has repeatedly proclaimed that his economic policies featuring tax cuts, deregulation and tough enforcement of trade agreements would lift the country out of the doldrums of the slowest economic expansion in the post World War II period.

ACROSS THE NATION

3 killed, 9 wounded in shooting at party in California home

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP)—A gunman who opened fire from an alley into a party killed three people and wounded nine others in California before fleeing in a vehicle, police said Wednesday. A search was underway for at least one suspect, possibly more, after the Tuesday night attack at a Long Beach home. Police Chief Robert Luna called the shooter a coward and urged residents to come forward with any information that might lead to an arrest. "We need to get these dangerous people off the street," he said. Authorities believe the shooting was planned, though a motive had not yet been determined. And there was no evidence it was gang-related. "I don't believe this was just a random act of violence," Luna said.

Police said a man with his face concealed fired the shots from an alley behind the home into the gathering of 25 to 30 people, including a group of co-workers, then fled in a vehicle. Luna said arriving officers found a horrific, bloody scene.

3 children die, another critical after Michigan house fire

LANSING, Mich. (AP)—An early morning fire that engulfed a home in the Michigan capital has killed three children, left a fourth in critical condition and injured three more people. Firefighters responded to the blaze in north Lansing at about 1:30 a.m. Wednesday. Authorities say relatives told firefighters that three children were trapped inside. First respond-

ers rescued the children ages 8, 5 and 3 years, and rushed them to a hospital where they were declared dead. Authorities say a 5-year-old child is in critical condition and a 31-year-old man is being treated at the University of Michigan Burn Center. A 26-year-old woman and an 18-month-old are stable. The names of those killed and injured have not been released. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

Oklahoma judge rejects challenge to 'permitless carry' law

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—An Oklahoma judge on Wednesday rejected an attempt by a Democratic state lawmaker and gun safety advocates to block a new law that will allow most people in the state to carry a firearm in public without a background check or training. After hearing arguments from both sides, Oklahoma County District Judge Don Andrews rejected a request by Oklahoma City Democratic Rep. Jason Lowe for a preliminary injunction that would have stopped the "permitless carry" law from taking effect on Friday. Lowe's attorney, Melanie Rughani, argued that the bill violated the state's constitutional single-subject rule that requires bills to deal with only one topic. But the judge said Rughani failed to prove that the law taking effect would cause irreparable harm to the plaintiffs. Lowe promised to appeal the judge's ruling to the Oklahoma Supreme Court. "We're going to fight hard to keep this dangerous law from taking effect," Lowe said after the hearing.

The blaze near the Reagan library in Simi Valley was driven by strong Santa Ana winds that are the bane of Southern California in the fall and have historically fanned the most destructive fires in the region.

The cause was not yet de-

termined, but Southern California Edison filed a report with state regulators to say it began near its power lines. Electrical equipment has sparked some of California's worst wildfires in recent years and prompted utilities to resort to precautionary power outages. SoCal Edison had not cut power in the area at the time this fire started.

The library, which holds the presidential archives and includes grounds with the graves of Reagan and his wife, Nancy, was well-equipped when flames surrounded it. It relies on a combination of high-tech defenses such as fireproof doors, sprinklers and an underground vault, as well as a decidedly no-tech measure—hundreds of goats brought in every year to graze on brush and create a firebreak.

An army of firefighters helped protect the hilltop museum, and helicopters hit the flames, leaving some neigh-

bors resentful as they frantically hosed down fires in the surrounding subdivisions and open ranchland.

Armed with just a garden

hose and wearing a mask, Beth Rivera watered down the perimeter of her large home to prevent embers from igniting dry grass and trees. Friends helped evacuate 11 horses from the property. Soaring flames were only 30 yards (27 meters) away and blowing toward her house, with no firetrucks in sight.

Animals could be heard shrieking in a barn burning next door on Tierra Rejada Road, where large ranches with riding stables and horse rings line the road. Two horses bolted into the street from the flaming barn, trailing a cloud of smoke.

"Oh gosh, this isn't fun," Rivera said. "There isn't a fire unit (here) at the moment because they're busy working on the fire close to the library. This is why I'm very worried. Because I can't... save my home."

Within minutes, a fire crew arrived to help Rivera and her boyfriend protect their home.



In this Monday, Oct. 14, 2019, photo, a worker loads imported goods on a truck at a distribution company outside the container port in Qingdao in east China's Shandong province. AP

Fires spare Reagan library but menace homes near Los Angeles

SIMI VALLEY, Calif. (AP)—A wind-whipped outbreak of wildfires outside Los Angeles on Wednesday threatened thousands of homes and horse ranches, forced the smoky evacuation of elderly patients in wheelchairs and narrowly bypassed the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, protected in part by a buffer zone chewed by goats.

With California tinder dry and fires burning in both the north and south, the state was at the mercy of strong winds, on high alert for any new flames that could run wild, and weary from intentional blackouts aimed at preventing power lines from sparking more destruction.

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Asia

Fire burns down structures at historic Japanese castle



Firefighters try to extinguish a fire at the north hall of Shuri Castle in Naha, Okinawa, southern Japan, Thursday, Oct. 31, 2019.

and effort of many people. Shuri Castle is not just about buildings but it reconstructed all the details, even including equipment inside."

The ancient castle is a symbol of Okinawa's cultural heritage from the time of Ryukyu Kingdom that spanned about 450 years from 1429 until 1879 when the island was annexed by Japan.

The castle is also a symbol of Okinawa's struggle and effort to recover from World

War II. Shuri Castle burned down in 1945 during the Battle of Okinawa near the war's end, in which about 200,000 lives were lost on the island, many of them civilians.

The castle was largely restored in 1992 as a national park and was designated as the UNESCO World Heritage site in 2000.

Okinawa was under the U.S. occupation until 1972, two decades after the rest of Japan regained full independence.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Gas cylinder blast kills 5 children in Bangladesh

DHAKA, Bangladesh

(AP)—At least five children died and 17 others were injured Wednesday after a gas cylinder used to inflate balloons exploded outside a school in Bangladesh's capital, police said. Local police chief Abul Kalam Azad said the explosion took place when a vendor was selling balloons to children who live in a nearby slum in Dhaka's Rupnagar area. The cylinder was placed on a tricycle rickshaw when the explosion happened, he said. The children who died were between ages 7 and 14. Azad said the death toll could rise. Quoting witnesses, Azad said blood-soaked bodies were lying at the scene while some victims had their heads smashed. A woman has lost an arm from elbow because of the impact of the blast, he said. The cause of the explosion was not clear immediately, but the use of substandard gas cylinders is rampant in the South Asian nation where inspection and monitoring by the authorities are weak.

Fastest climber of 14 highest peaks to return to mountains

KATHMANDU, Nepal

(AP)—A Nepalese mountaineer who smashed the speed record for climbing the world's 14 highest peaks returned safely to Nepal's capital on Wednesday but said he plans to return to the mountains in three days to guide his clients. Nirmal Purja on Tuesday scaled the 8,027-meter (26,340-foot) Mount Shishapangma in China, the last of the 14 peaks that are more than 8,000 meters (26,240 feet) in height. Purja began his mission in April and finished in 189 days. The previous record was seven years, 10 months and six days and was set by South Korean climber Kim Chang-ho in 2013. Purja returned by helicopter to Kathmandu, where he was welcomed by friends and a police marching band. He told reporters that he would return to the mountains in three days so he can guide his mountaineering clients.

Malaysian financier to give up claims to millions of dollars

WASHINGTON (AP)—A fugitive financier will give up claims to hundreds of millions of dollars in luxury goods prosecutors say were purchased with money stolen from a Malaysian investment fund, a person familiar with the matter told The Associated Press. Under the settlement with U.S. prosecutors, the financier, Jho Low, relinquishes claims to assets that were seized by U.S. officials beginning in 2016, the person said. The settlement would also allow millions of dollars in fees to be paid to Low's legal team. The person was not authorized to discuss the matter

TOKYO (AP)—A fire early Thursday burned down structures at Shuri Castle on Japan's southern island of Okinawa, nearly destroying the UNESCO World Heritage site.

Firefighters were still battling the blaze a few hours after the fire started early Thursday and nearby residents were evacuated to safer areas, Okinawa police spokesman Ryo Kochi said.

The fire in Naha, the prefectural capital of Okinawa, started from the castle's main structure. The main Seiden temple and a Hokuden structure, or north temple, have burned down. A third main structure Nanden, or south temple, was nearly destroyed, Kochi said.

Nobody has been injured. The cause of the fire was not immediately known.

Footage on NHK television

showed parts of the castle, engulfed in orange flames and turning into charred skeleton, collapsing to the ground.

"I feel as if we have lost our symbol," said Naha mayor Mikiko Shiroma, who led an emergency response team. "I'm shocked." Shiroma vowed to do everything she could to save what is remained of the castle.

Kurayoshi Takara, a his-

torian at University of the Ryukyus who helped reconstruct the Shuri Castle, said he was speechless when he saw the scene. He told NHK that the castle reconstruction was a symbolic event for the Okinawans to restore their history and Ryukyu heritage lost during the war.

"I still can't accept this as a reality," Takara said. "It has taken more than 30 years and it was a monument of wisdom

3rd strong quake this month kills 1 in southern PH

DAVAO, Philippines (AP)—The third strong earthquake this month killed one person, injured several others Thursday and destroyed buildings that were already damaged by the earlier shaking in a devastated southern Philippine region.

Cities and towns in the quake-hit area suspended school classes and office hours due to fear of more tremors. Many residents may have returned to already-damaged houses despite the risks because of the humid tropical heat, causing some injuries due to falling debris, officials said.

A village hall collapsed in Batasan village in hard-hit Cotabato province and the village leader was pinned to death, Gov. Em-mylou Taliño-Mendoza said.

In Cotabato's city of Kidapawan, a small hotel partially collapsed, crushing the lobby and a bank on the ground floor and causing the building to lean on an adjacent hospital. Both the hotel and the hospital were ordered abandoned because of the previous quake damage but six employees and



Eva's Hotel stands damaged after a strong earthquake in Kidapawan, north Cotabato province, Philippines, Thursday, Oct. 31, 2019.

an engineer were inside Eva's Hotel when the ground shook at midmorning, Kidapawan Mayor Joseph Evangelista said.

"They're supposed to inspect the building with an engineer then it happened. They managed to run out," Evangelista told DZMM radio.

The hospital and the hotel, its concrete columns precariously leaning and its rooms exposed without walls and windows, were cordoned off as they may collapse completely anytime.

In Davao city, President Rodrigo Duterte's hometown,

a five-story condominium partly crashed down on its basement and rescue workers scrambled to bring out nine residents, one of whom was injured and brought to a hospital, officials said.

The residents of the 56-room building had been urged to evacuate after it was damaged by the earlier quake on Tuesday but some defied the warning.

The Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology said the 6.5-magnitude quake was set off by movement in a local fault at a depth of 6

kilometers (3.7 miles) about 28 kilometers (17 miles) east of Tulunan town in Cotabato province. The region already was devastated by two powerful earthquakes and hundreds of aftershocks this month.

At least eight people died in Tuesday's 6.6 magnitude quake, two were missing, 395 were injured and more than 2,700 houses and buildings, including schools and hospitals, were damaged, according to the Office of Civil Defense.

An Oct. 16 earthquake with a magnitude 6.3 killed at least seven people, injured more than 200 and destroyed or damaged more than 7,000 buildings.

The Philippine archipelago lies on the so-called Pacific "Ring of Fire," the arc of faults around the Pacific Ocean where most of the world's earthquakes occur.

World

Muslim headscarf debate divides France, in climate of hate

PARIS (AP)—When a far-right French official disrupted a regional council meeting to demand that a Muslim woman accompanying a group of schoolchildren be ordered to remove her headscarf, “in the name of our secular principles,” her own child buried his head in her shoulder and cried.

The scene has triggered a venomous national debate that is scrambling questions over the headscarf, Islam, immigration and radicalization.

The clamor reached a crescendo with the shooting and wounding Monday of two Muslims outside a mosque in southwest France by a suspect with past links to the anti-immigration National Rally party. The 84-year-old alleged gunman told investigators he attacked “to avenge the destruction of Notre Dame,” Paris’ grand cathedral ravaged by fire in April—which he blamed, inexplicably, on Muslims.

In other times, the Oct. 11



AP

In this May 16, 2014 file photo, women wear muslim scarf and hold French flags gather outside the town hall of Mantes la Ville, northwest of Paris. The French Senate approved a bill Tuesday proposed by the mainstream right that would oblige women wearing headscarves to remove them when accompanying school outings.

home to France’s roots and view its Muslim population, which grew from the nation’s colonial past, as intruders and a threat to the French way of life, including secularism.

Fifteen years ago, France forbid students from wearing “ostentatious” religious signs in classrooms, including headscarves. Seven years later, it became illegal to wear face-covering veils in French streets. While all showy religious signs are included in the 2004 law and all garments covering the face are banned in the 2011 measure, it has never been a secret that Muslims were the target.

The mother who was the focus of National Rally official Julian Odoul’s anger at the Dijon regional meeting has said she decided to accompany a class because her son implored her to go.

“What he told me when he was crying is that he felt everyone was against me,” the woman, identified only as Fatima E., told the Collective Against Islamophobia in France, which published the interview.

“I felt a rejection I’ve never felt before,” she said. “Today, I have a negative opinion of what is called the Republic.”

Chile cancels climate, trade summits amid protest chaos

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP)— Chilean President Sebastián Piñera said Wednesday that he is canceling two major international summits so he can respond to protracted nationwide protests over economic inequality that have left more than a dozen people dead, hundreds injured and businesses and infrastructure damaged.

The decision to call off the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation and U.N. global climate gatherings, planned for November and December, respectively, dealt a major blow to Chile’s image as a regional oasis of stability and economic development.

Piñera said he was forced to cancel both events due to the chaos unleashed by 12 days of protests. Demonstrators are demanding greater economic equality and better public services in a country long seen as an economic success story. Shops have been vandalized and buildings set on fire, shutting down numerous subway stations.

The situation had stabilized somewhat by midday Wednesday. Except for the presence of a few hundred protesters, the streets of the capital, Santiago, were mostly quiet, with no reports of vandalism.

“This has been a very difficult decision that causes us great pain,” Piñera said in a televised address. “A president

always has to put the needs of his countrymen first.”

Opposition and pro-government parties in Chile generally welcomed the president’s decision, saying that having the summits was unrealistic given the circumstances.

Trade and climate negotiators scrambled to find new locations for their summits, aimed at resolving tariff-related conflicts between China and the U.S. and finalizing countries’ climate rules in advance of a bigger summit next year during which governments will be asked to commit to new emissions limits.

President Donald Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping had hoped to sign a modest trade agreement at the APEC summit, formerly scheduled to take place in Santiago on Nov. 16-17. Under the tentative deal, the U.S. had agreed to suspend plans to raise tariffs on \$250 billion in Chinese imports, and Beijing had agreed to step up purchases of U.S. farm products.

White House spokesman Hogan Gidley said U.S. officials were “awaiting potential information regarding another location,” but it was unclear if any had been proposed. Gidley added that Trump wanted to sign the deal with China “within the same time frame,” hinting that a separate event could occur outside a summit.

confrontation at the council meeting in Dijon might have been but one more installment in France’s decades-long battle with itself over how to define, and enforce, secularism, a principle inscribed in the constitution more than a century ago to ensure neutrality regarding religions.

But today’s uproar illustrates the growing unease—even contempt—by some sectors of society toward those Muslims seen as failing to join the French melting pot. Such views aren’t limited to the far right: The conservative-led Senate approved a bill Tuesday banning mothers from wearing headscarves on

school field trips, and a survey by the Ifop polling firm published Sunday suggested that eight out of 10 French think secularism is in danger.

Some contend this shows the normalization of Islamophobia in France.

“The veil (headscarf) is seen as the symbol par excellence of religious visibility” and is “seen by some ... as linked to radicalization,” said Nicolas Cadene, No. 2 in the government’s Observatory of Secularism.

“We’re in a climate of a meeting of fears, emotions, instincts,” he said in an interview.

For Cadene, French society is growing polarized as one part increasingly turns away

from religion while another, notably Muslims, grows more visible. The attack inside Paris police headquarters early this month by a Muslim intelligence employee that left four dead raised already percolating tensions, he said.

In all cases, he said, the debate shows the confusion over the 1905 law separating church and state, the basis of the country’s unusually important secular identity. He said the law is not meant to protect a “mythical identity, white and of Catholic culture” promoted by some.

Islam is the No. 2 religion in a largely Catholic nation where many, especially the anti-immigration far-right,

Bolivia says OAS team to audit disputed election

LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP)—

Bolivia’s government said Wednesday the Organization of American States is sending a 30-person team to launch a “binding” audit of a presidential election that the opposition says was manipulated to ensure the re-election of leftist President Evo Morales.

The Oct. 20 vote, which the government says was fair, gave Morales just enough support to win in the first round without the need for a runoff vote against a possibly united opposition behind former president Carlos Mesa. The result, and delays in the vote count, sparked street protests that have nearly shut down some cities.

Bolivian Foreign Minister Diego Pary said the OAS team will arrive Wednesday or Thursday, and that Spain, Mexico and Paraguay also have

been invited to participate.

Mesa says the vote count was altered to give Morales just over the 10 percentage point lead needed to win outright. He said the opposition “does not accept the audit in the current terms, which were agreed on unilaterally.”

The audit would focus on the day of the election and the following days and will be “integrating and binding,” with all parties obliged to comply with results, Pary said. But the opposition wants the audit to also look into the electoral process before the Oct. 20 vote, when the Supreme Electoral Tribunal was accused of favoring Morales.

OAS Chief of Staff Gonzalo Koncke said the organization’s staff would begin to work Thursday and the results of the audit are expected in 10-12 days. He also said the work

will focus on verifying several points, including calculations, certificates, ballots and the informatics process, as well as the statistical components and the safeguarding of ballot boxes. His comments on a video were shared by OAS President Luis Almagro on Twitter.

The official count showed Morales with 47.08% of the vote compared to Mesa’s 36.51%. The announcement of quick count results was halted for about 24 hours starting election night, raising alarms from the OAS, the European Union, the U.S. and other nations and fueling protests across Bolivia.

A strike continued Wednesday in Santa Cruz, an eastern city that is a bastion of the opposition. Backers and foes of Morales also continued to clash in the capital of La Paz, although with less violence

than previous days, when dozens were injured and detained.

Many people said they were exhausted after two weeks of protests.

“All of these politicians can leave. They’re harming us,” said Fátima Medrano, who had to walk from her home to her office because some roads were blocked. “I have bills to pay and I have to work.”

Some Bolivians also complained that the costs of food and other products have shot up because the protests have blocked supplies.

Many residents of La Paz feel disappointed with Morales, despite economic stability during his nearly 14 years in office.

The llama shepherd from the Bolivian highlands rose to become a fiery union leader and eventually Bolivia’s first indigenous president.

Off the Wall

Nebraska man tries to open bank account with fake \$1M bill

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP)—Police are searching for a man who walked into a bank in Nebraska this week and tried to open a checking account with a fake \$1 million bill.

Staff at the Pinnacle Bank branch in Lincoln reported the Monday morning incident to police. The Lincoln Journal Star reports that bank employees say the man was adamant that the bill was real despite tellers'

attempts to convince him otherwise.

The man eventually left with the bill, but without a new account.

Police are reviewing surveillance video to try to identify the man. Police say they want to check on his welfare and make sure he was not the victim of a crime.

The largest denomination note ever issued for public circulation was the \$10,000 bill.

legal and poses no health threat.

Upper Darby police say the Harwood House resident ordered two grams of powdered uranium for \$12 from a Michigan company. It was in powder form and sealed inside a glass vial within a cardboard box when it was delivered Monday afternoon.

The halfway house screens all incoming packages and found the powder. They notified authorities, who determined the substance was Uranium 238—a material that can be shipped through the mail.

It's not clear why the resident ordered the uranium. Authorities say the substance posed no health threat.

Hazmat team responds when uranium delivered to halfway house

UPPER DARBY, Pa. (AP)—A hazmat team responded a halfway house in Pennsylvania this week after a resident received an order of uranium through the mail.

Authorities say no charges will be filed because the shipment was



TRICK-OR-TREATS

President Donald Trump and first lady Melania Trump give candy to children during a Halloween trick-or-treat event on the South Lawn of the White House, which is decorated for Halloween, Monday, Oct. 28, 2019, in Washington.

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

That bites! Snake tries to eat dead snake as wasp attacks

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP)—Sometimes the circle of life stings. A coral snake found that out the hard way and a Florida woman caught it all on camera. Evangeline Cummings posted a video on Twitter of what appears to be a wasp stinging a coral snake that was dangling from a branch attempting to eat a dead snake. News outlets report Cummings was in her Gainesville backyard when she noticed the coral snake attempting to eat its meal. In the video, a wasp appears and starts circling the snake. When the wasp lands on the snake, it starts thrashing and swinging attempting to get rid of the wasp. Cummings tweeted the video and said she needed “support to process” what was happening. The coral snake seems like it needs some support too.

Trapper plays with 'gator until it tires, pulls it from pool

PARKLAND, Fla. (AP)—A Florida animal trapper says he corralled a large alligator by playing with it until it got tired after it hopped into a residential swimming pool. Celebrity trapper Paul Bedard, who is contracted with the state’s nuisance alligator program, said Thursday that he was dispatched to a house in Parkland, Florida. Bedard said he was able to pull the nearly 9-foot (2.7-meter) animal out of the water once it grew tired from playing with him in the pool on Wednesday. He put a snare on its mouth and taped it. He described the reptile as “mellow” and named it Cool Hand Luke after the 1967 film starring Paul Newman. Bedard said the alligator weighed 185 pounds (83.92 kilograms). Bedard starred in Animal Planet’s reality show “Gator Boys.”

Wyoming man grows 1,491-pound pumpkin, breaks state record

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP)—Wyoming officials say a Cheyenne man has grown a pumpkin that weighs in at 1,491 pounds (676 kilograms), a new state record. The Wyoming Tribune Eagle reported Thursday that Andy Corbin grew the gourd in his backyard. For perspective, scientists say newborn elephants weigh about 200 pounds (91 kilograms) on average. Corbin says the pumpkins he grows at his east Cheyenne home require a handmade tripod to move them. He says his pumpkins require yearlong maintenance and can gain dozens of pounds a day during growing season. Corbin says he hopes to grow three pumpkins weighing more than 4,000 pounds (1,800 kilograms) combined.

Tennessee man seen riding atop car has 1 charge dropped

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—A man accused of riding for 20 miles (32 kilometers) atop a car that sped down a Tennessee interstate has had one of his charges dropped. Ronnie Sellars, 31, no longer faces a “clinging to a vehicle” charge in Wilson County, but disorderly conduct charges are still pending in neighboring Davidson County, The Tennessean reported on Monday. The district attorney’s office said Judge Haywood Barry ruled that the language of the law doesn’t match what Sellars was accused of doing. Sellars was arrested in September after a joyride during which witnesses recorded him sitting, lying, smiling and waving from atop a four-door sedan. Sellars told the newspaper he stood up for part of the ride from Mt. Juliet to Nashville, and it felt like being on a surfboard going 80 mph (129 kph). Sellars said he thinks the courts should “put their attention on other things.”

San Diego woman living in van gives up all 300 of her rats

SAN DIEGO (AP)—A woman living in a van in San Diego with her pet rats has agreed to give them up—all 300 of them. The San Diego Union-Tribune says the San Diego Humane Society went to the woman’s van near Del Mar on Oct. 8. Authorities found rats had clawed into upholstery, burrowed into the seats and gnawed the engine wiring. Capt. Danee Cook says the woman wasn’t hoarding the animals—she’d started with just two pet rats. But rats can give birth every four weeks and produce a dozen in a litter. Cook says the woman acknowledged things had gotten out of control. Authorities collected about 320 rats, and more than 100 are currently ready for adoption. The woman, meanwhile, has found a new place to stay.

Ruff ride: Dog struck by car rides inside bumper for miles

ROTTERDAM, N.Y. (AP)—A dog hit by a car in upstate New York rode for 45 minutes wedged between the broken bumper and the grille before the driver realized she was carrying an injured passenger. Coco the shiba inu was being treated for a fractured elbow after being struck Monday morning in Albany. Rotterdam Police Lt. Jeffrey Collins says the driver knew she hit something and noticed the car’s damage but didn’t see the dog at first. She drove about 15 miles (25 kilometers) to Rotterdam before hearing noises and stopping to recheck her car’s front end. She called 911 after she saw the dog gazing from below the license plate. A Schenectady veterinary clinic worker told WNYT-TV that 16-pound (7-kilogram) Coco “fit perfectly” in the space behind the bumper and was lucky to be alive.

Illegal BASE jumper calls police after cell tower mishap

MENOMONIE, Wis. (AP)—A BASE jumper who jumped illegally from a northwestern Wisconsin cell-phone tower ended up calling the police on himself after his parachute became caught on a guy wire, leaving him dangling perilously 50 feet (15 meters) from the ground. Police say the 20-year-old man jumped from the 300-foot (90-meter) Charter Communications tower in Menomonie on Thursday morning. After his rescue at around 9:30 a.m., the man was treated at Mayo Clinic Health System and arrested for criminal trespass. BASE jumping stands for building, antenna, span and earth—the four common objects from which BASE jumpers launch their descent. Menomonie is 70 miles (110 kilometers) east of Minneapolis.

Halloween display with guillotine riles some in Utah city

BRIGHAM CITY, Utah (AP)—Officials in a Utah community say they’ve received “more than a few” complaints over a family’s Halloween display that includes a guillotine chopping off the heads of baby dolls. However, the city attorney for Brigham City, Michael Christiansen, said the display isn’t a public nuisance under the city code even though “it’s distasteful to some.” KUTV-TV reports that in addition to the guillotine, the lawn display also includes a bloody nurse standing over a baby incubator containing angry looking babies and baby parts. Julie Bawden said her family’s annual Halloween displays are just intended “to be spooky and fun.” Neighbor Claudia Perry said she objects to the display, saying it’s too much. In Perry’s words, “how far are they going to go? And where are we going to stop?”

German restaurant accidentally serves hash cake at funeral

BERLIN (AP)—Police say a funeral in eastern Germany ended on an involuntary drug high when mourners were accidentally served hash cake. Rostock police said Tuesday after the burial in Wiethagen, the funeral party went to a restaurant for coffee and cake, as is customary in Germany. But after eating the cake, 13 people experienced nausea and dizziness and needed medical treatment. A police investigation revealed that the restaurant employee in charge of the cakes had asked her 18-year-old daughter to bake them. However, the mother accidentally took the wrong cake from the freezer to the funeral. She took a hash cake that the teenager had made for a different occasion. Police said the 18-year-old is under investigation. The incident happened in August but wasn’t published earlier out of respect for the mourners.

Georgia town bets on giant bushy chicken to attract tourists

FITZGERALD, Ga. (AP)—Why did the tourists cross the road? One south Georgia town hopes it will be to see a giant bushy chicken statue. Fitzgerald Mayor Jim Puckett tells local news outlets that the town is building the world’s largest chicken topiary, a 62-foot (19-meter) steel-framed chicken with plants growing on it. Wild Burmese chickens have long roamed Fitzgerald. Puckett aims to leverage that reputation to draw tourists. He says: “They want to see chickens, so we’re going to show them a chicken.” The city is spending \$150,000 on the topiary, designed to top the 56-foot (17-meter) tall steel “Big Chicken” at a Kentucky Fried Chicken in Marietta. Puckett says the Fitzgerald topiary could even include an apartment for overnight rentals and an observation deck. It should be ready by year’s end.

Science & Technology

Apple shakes off iPhone slump to deliver strong fiscal 4Q

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Apple is still running a well-oiled moneymaking machine despite cooling demand for its hottest product, the iPhone.

Sales and revenue in the July-September quarter exceeded Wall Street estimates as Apple's newest iPhones got off to a better start than expected, even though the devices aren't that much different from last year's models.

Apple said Wednesday that revenue rose 2% from the same time last year to \$64 bil-

lion, despite iPhone revenue dropping 9%. The company's iPhone sales have now declined from the previous year for four straight quarters.

Apple's quarterly profit dipped 3% to \$13.7 billion, but its earnings per share of \$3.03 topped analyst projections.

In another encouraging sign for the company, Apple's sales in China recover further from a sharp drop-off earlier this year. That helped ease worries that Apple might be bruised



This July 24, 2019, file photo shows an Apple Store in Chicago is seen. Apple Inc. reports financial earnings on Wednesday, Oct. 30.

by President Donald Trump's trade war with the world's most populous country.

Apple also signaled its confidence that the momentum will continue in the current quarter, which spans the crucial holiday season. The Cupertino, Califor-

nia, company projects revenue will climb by about 4% from the same time last year.

Part of that growth will likely come from a hotly anticipated video streaming service called Apple TV Plus.

It's scheduled to debut Friday to compete against industry pioneer Netflix and a slew of new entrants, including Disney Plus and HBO Max.

"You can tell from the guidance we are bullish," Apple CEO

Tim Cook told analysts during a Wednesday conference call.

Add it all up, and it becomes easier to see why the stock market's sentiments about Apple have changed dramatically since the company warned earlier this year that iPhone sales were falling, especially in China. That flop coming out of last year's holiday season made it clear that the iPhone was losing some of its luster, raising fears that Apple's best days may have past.

Those worries hammered Apple's stock, driving down the price to \$142 in early January.

But the stock has been setting new highs this month as investors began to realize Cook had crafted an effective strategy to counteract the waning demand for iPhones. The stock's recovery translates to a nearly \$500 billion swing in fortune for Apple's shareholders as the company's market value has soared back to \$1.1 trillion—roughly the same level as its long-time rival, Microsoft.

Apple Inc. shares gained nearly 2% to \$247.77 in Wednesday's extended trading after the company revealed its fiscal fourth-quarter financial report.

Tech Q&A: Here's the problem with keeping your work computer

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terprise normally gets updates via a corporate server.)

■ You'll keep being reminded to activate the operating system, even though you can't.

■ You won't be able to "personalize" the PC by changing the background screen (called "wallpaper") unless you use a workaround (see "Cosmetic Limitations" at tinyurl.com/jgrezts).

To avoid these problems, buy a copy of Windows 10 Pro, which can be used to downgrade Windows 10 Enterprise to the Pro version (see tinyurl.com/yybzjyjpa). (Yes, it would be simpler to buy a license for Enterprise, but Microsoft only sells those to corporations.)

Your PC's copy of Windows 10 Enterprise is licensed to your former employer. Once your PC left the employer's network, its operating system became a non-activated copy of Windows—meaning it still works, but with limitations.

Here's what that means for you:

■ Because your PC is no longer connected to the corporate network, you probably won't get any operating system updates, including vital security updates. (An activated copy of Windows 10 En-

large number of TV commercials. Are there DVRs (digital video recorders) that can record both antenna TV and streaming Internet TV so that I can skip ads?

A: There are DVRs for cable, satellite and antenna TV, and for some types of streaming internet video. Some DVRs handle more than one type of input, but no DVR handles them all. (See tinyurl.com/y3kzbflb, tinyurl.com/yy4z88xq, and tinyurl.com/y5w4kos4.)

Q: I copied my Windows 7 TurboTax files to Windows 10, but I can't seem to open them. Windows 10 says to pick an app to do that—what app?

A: You need the TurboTax program to open those files. The online and PC-based versions of the 2019 TurboTax program aren't available yet. But for about \$10 you can buy the 2018 PC-based version, which should be able to read your files (see tinyurl.com/y27vp8gs).

Air Force's mystery space plane lands, ends two-year mission

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—The Air Force's mystery space plane is back on Earth, following a record-breaking two-year mission.

The X-37B landed at NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida early Sunday. The Air Force is mum about what the plane did in orbit after launching aboard a SpaceX rocket in 2017. The 780-day mission sets a new endurance record for the reusable test vehicle.

It looks like a space shuttle but is one-fourth the size at 29 feet.

Officials say this latest mission successfully completed its objectives. Experiments from the Air Force Research Laboratory were aboard.

This was the fifth space-flight by a vehicle of this sort. No. 6 is planned next year with another launch from Cape Canaveral. The solar-powered plane is flown by remote control without a crew.

Science Matters

COMPUTER VOICE:

"Good morning, Fidel"

"Please step onto the scale"

"Hold the metal bar and wait a moment"

1 The device takes Fidel's electrocardiogram

2 Scales measure how his body weight gently bobs up and down

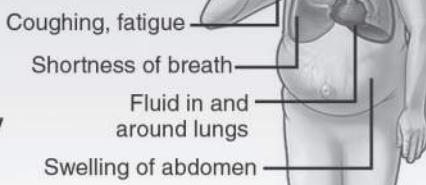
3 Artificial intelligence computer finds signs that Fidel's heart failure has worsened

Scales weigh heart failure

Fidel is having a ballistocardiogram (BCG), a diagnostic test that researchers often used 100 years ago; it lost favor as medical imaging improved. Today, researchers are taking another look at it.

Congestive heart failure, gradual loss of 'cardio'

The heart loses pumping ability and enlarges; fluid collects in body as circulation weakens



Heart failure is NOT heart attack (suddenly blocked circulation to heart)

A failing heart slowly loses its muscular strength; its walls gradually thicken and stiffen

Heart failure is treated with drugs that boost the heart beat and remove fluid from the body



Sensitive scales detect up-and-down oscillation of person's weight

The system measures forces generated as the heart ejects blood

In heart failure, those forces form a distinct pattern

Heart rhythm
Forces detected by BCG

Source: Ormer Inan of Georgia Institute of Technology; IEEE Transactions on Biomedical Engineering journal; Physiological Measurements journal. Graphic: Helen McComas, Tribune News Service

Life & Style

Beyond Netflix A look at what you get with new streamers

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Attention binge watchers: There's life beyond Netflix, Hulu and Amazon.

Streaming choices are about to proliferate with the debut of Apple TV Plus on Friday and Disney Plus in two weeks. HBO Max and Peacock arrive next year. With discounts and other incentives, consumers can sample them all to figure out which ones to keep.

Here's a look at the new streaming challengers and what you get with each:

APPLE TV PLUS

Apple's entry into the streaming business.

Launch date: Friday

Price: \$5 a month

Promotions: Seven-day free trial. A year free to buyers of a new iPhone, iPad, Apple TV, iPod Touch or Mac.

Original shows: A Jason Momoa series called "See" and "The Morning Show," a comedy starring Jennifer Aniston, Reese Witherspoon and Steve Carell. The service will launch with nine original shows and movies, with more expected each month.

Other shows and movies: None.

DISNEY PLUS

Disney's entertainment service, featuring shows and movies from Disney, Pixar, Marvel, Star Wars and National Geographic.

Launch date: Nov. 12

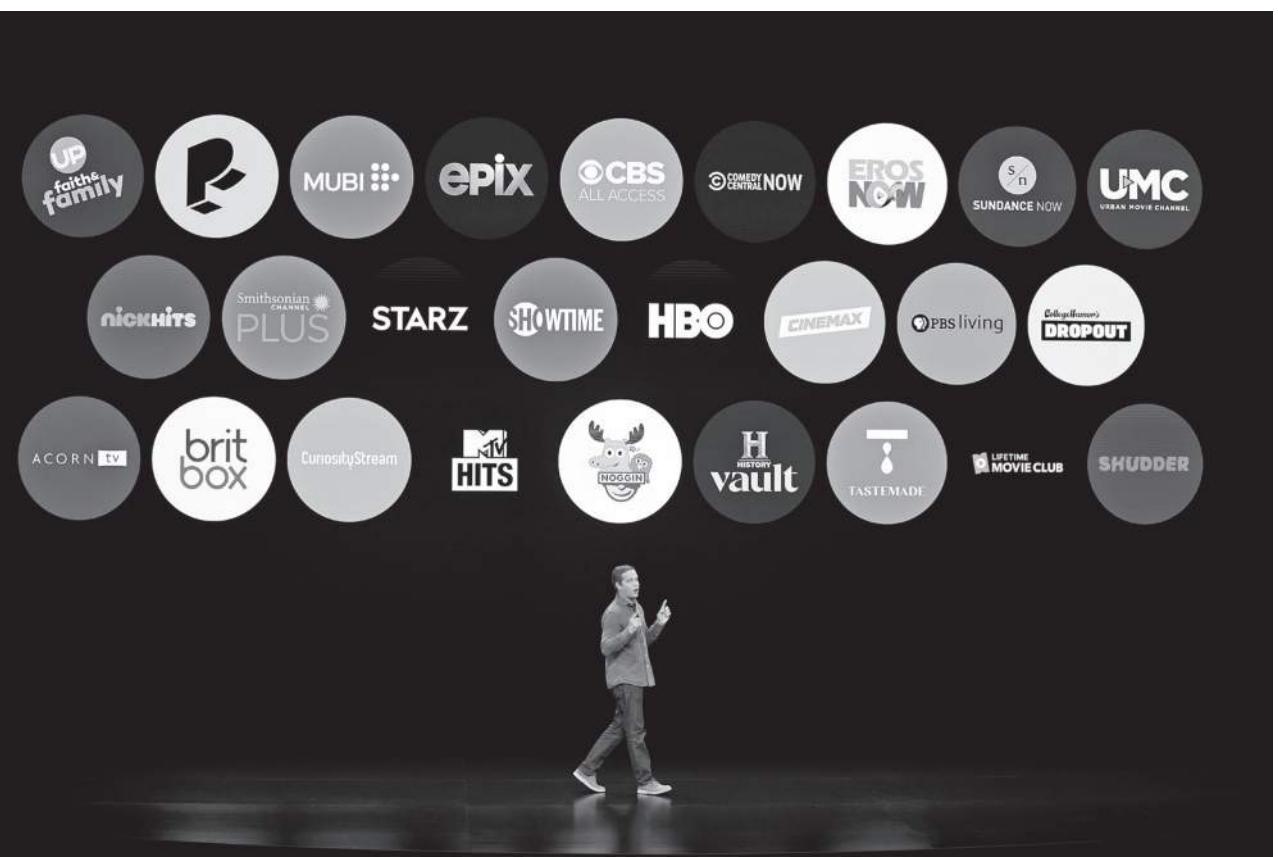
Price: \$7 a month or \$70 a year. Getting Disney Plus with ESPN Plus and Hulu, both owned by Disney, will cost \$13 a month.

Promotions: Seven-day free trial. Free year with all Verizon Wireless unlimited plans and when customers switch to Verizon's Fios Home Internet or 5G Home Internet.

Original shows: "The Mandalorian," a live-action "Star Wars" series created by Jon Favreau. A prequel to the "Star Wars" movie "Rogue One." A series about the Marvel character Loki. A rebooted "High School Musical" series.

A documentary series focused on Disney.

Other shows and movies: Animated classics, including "Aladdin" and "The Jungle Book," will be available at launch; others will be added as streaming deals with other services expire. Movies released in 2019 or later will go to Disney Plus rather than a rival streaming service first. Disney Plus will also house past seasons of "The Simpsons,"



In this March 25, 2019, file photo Peter Stern, Apple Vice President of Services, speaks at the Steve Jobs Theater during an event to announce new products in Cupertino, Calif. AP

which Disney got through its purchase of Fox's entertainment business.

PEACOCK

The service from Comcast's NBCUniversal will carry 15,000 hours of video at launch.

Launch date: April 2020

Price: Undisclosed

Promotions: Free for many Comcast cable and internet customers.

Original shows: Reboots of "Battlestar Galactica" and "Saved by the Bell." Comedy series "Rutherford Falls," from Michael Schur, creator

of "The Good Place" and "Parks and Recreation."

Other shows and movies: "30 Rock," "Will & Grace," and "Cheers," though these won't stream exclusively on Peacock. Peacock will get "Parks and Recreation" and "The Office" once existing deals with Netflix expire. "Bridesmaids," "E.T." and other movies from Universal Pictures, Focus Features and DreamWorks Animation.

HBO MAX

A souped-up version of HBO from AT&T's WarnerMedia, with some 10,000 hours of

video at launch.

Launch date: May 2020

Price: \$15 a month

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Linda Hamilton makes return count in new 'Terminator' film

LOS ANGELES (AP)—For the new "Terminator" film, it was seemingly easy to bring back Arnold Schwarzenegger as the human-looking cyborg assassin because of his devotion to the franchise. But having Linda Hamilton return as Sarah Connor was a tougher decision considering she'd already turned down a chance to reprise her iconic role.

It took Hamilton six weeks to decide whether she wanted to portray Connor, the waitress-turned-warrior who along with Schwarzenegger made the first two "Terminator" movies among the best action films ever made.

Her hesitation stemmed from the fear that a return as Connor in "Terminator: Dark Fate" might not live up to the hype of the earlier films.

"I was terrified," she recalled. "I really didn't want to disappoint Sarah Connor. That's where I go when I'm terrified. You usually regret what you didn't do. So I thought, 'If



This Oct. 26, 2019 photo shows actress Linda Hamilton posing for a portrait to promote her film, "Terminator: Dark Fate" at the Four Seasons Hotel Los Angeles at Beverly Hills in Los Angeles. AP

I'm this terrified, then maybe that's the reason to do it."

Another convincing factor for Hamilton's return was James Cameron, who directed the first two films and would serve as a producer on "Dark

Fate," which arrives in theaters Friday. She passed on the opportunity to appear in 2003's "Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines" believing she had "completed the character's story" and because of Cameron's absence, calling him the "magic ingredient."

Hamilton was concerned with "Dark Fate" messing with the legacy of the uber-popular "Terminator 2: Judgment Day." But she said Cameron's emails from three years ago detailing the pros and cons of her playing Connor and his enthusiasm about the project helped put her at ease.

The new film ignores three of the franchise's previous movies including 2015's "Terminator: Genisys," which fizzled with domestic audiences but had a strong turnout overseas. "Dark Fate" picks up soon after the events of "T2."

This time, Connor and an augmented soldier named Grace, played by Mackenzie Davis, must protect a young

Mexican girl Dani (Natalia Reyes) who is being hunted by a newly modified liquid Terminator from the future.

Hamilton says Connor still has a vengeful heart against Terminators, yet grudgingly reunites with Schwarzenegger, a time-traveling killing-machine who's developed a conscience. Connor's character is also not a fan of humans because "humankind builds machines that create their own death," the actress said.

"Sarah has nothing else left, but vengeance," Hamilton said. "She's a woman without a country. She has no mission, no son; broken, dark, black heart."

Schwarzenegger said the 63-year-old Hamilton brought some "freshness" back into the franchise.

"I thought that she set the bar really high again, just like she did in 1991," Schwarzenegger said of Hamilton, who trained for a year to get in fighting shape. "Especially as a woman in her 60s now.

There's no action lady out there that I know of who's in her 60s doing what she does. Only Cameron really has the (courage) to do something like that. But he always feels quite comfortable with those kinds of ideas, especially women action heroes."

Hamilton praised Schwarzenegger for his work as well as her female co-stars, Davis and Reyes. But sometimes, she said it was a struggle to find the voice of their female characters with an all-male screenwriter team.

Hamilton said initially the writers had a hard time writing "organic" dialogue between her and Davis' character. She called the process a fail at first and sometimes declined to recite certain lines, until everyone got on the same page.

The results have been met with mixed reviews, with some criticizing the dialogue between female characters.

"They really had trouble getting the script together," she said. "There were so many writers. They were four

months late delivering it to me, because they didn't want me to read the first pass. In the end, I think they really did a bang up job. But it was really changing throughout, even as we were shooting. That was wacky to me, because I never really had to work that way and try to fill in the blanks when you don't quite know where you've been or where you're going or when you're going to learn that. Acting is a linear job. You want to know precisely where I just come from, where I'm going and I fill in those moments with as much authenticity as I can. There were some issues with the script, but ultimately I think we got it worked out."

Hamilton believes her input helped serve the film, her character and others well.

"In the end, I know her best," she said. "That is the advantage of having played someone over a 35-year period. Otherwise, in all my other work, I would let the greater minds have their way. But not this time."

McGregor hated having to lie about reprising role as Obi-Wan

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Ewan McGregor felt somewhat tortured for the last few years because while he was signed up to reprise his role as Obi-Wan Kenobi, he couldn't publicly talk about it.

McGregor added that while he understood the silence was a necessary evil, "I'm not really brought up that way. I'd much rather be honest with people."

"But the studios are, and the franchises are, understandably secretive," he said. "And they want to keep everything a secret till they want it released."

McGregor spoke about his struggle at Tuesday's premiere of his thriller "Doctor Sleep," which is being released in the United States next Friday.

McGregor made his debut as a young Obi-Wan in "Star Wars: The Phantom Menace" in 1999 and was also in the other two "Star Wars" prequels.

So he would often be asked by reporters if he would return to other "Star Wars" projects.

"Once they started making spin-off movies, there was

Christians want Belgian opera's naked Joan of Arc banned

BRUSSELS (AP)—A Christian association is trying to prevent Brussels opera house La Monnaie from staging a production of Arthur Honegger's oratorio "Jeanne d'Arc au bûcher," or "Joan of Arc at the Stake," in which the heroine appears dressed in men's clothes and, at one point, naked.

The Pro Europa Christiana Federation wants the show orchestrated by Italian director Romeo Castellucci to be canceled and has launched an online petition to gather public support.

In a letter sent to the Monnaie's director and to Didier Reynders—the Belgian minister in charge of cultural affairs—the association argues that the production is "obscene and hurting Christians."

The show is set to run from Nov. 5-12.

The petition, which has gathered more than 10,000 signatures, claims that "the symbolic character of Saint Joan of Arc is again the target of a pornographic representation, this time in Brussels. An actress completely naked is meant to represent her

and pushes the obscenity to a change of sex during the performance."

La Monnaie director Peter de Caluwe has been unimpressed by the criticism and said that the show will go ahead as planned. He defended Castellucci's artistic choices and said in a statement this week he was "stupefied" by the association's claims.

"As soon as all symbolism has been removed, a naked woman stands on stage," he said. "This is not a revolutionary representation of Joan of Arc. Immediately after she was put to death, paintings and statues represented her half-naked."

Co-produced with the Lyon opera house, "Joan of Arc at the Stake" was premiered in the French city two years ago, triggering protests from far-right militants who clashed with police before the last performance.

"La Monnaie is particularly committed to freedom of expression," de Caluwe said. "We respect the opinions of others, but we ask them to show the same respect to us."



AP
Ewan McGregor attends the LA premiere of "Doctor Sleep" at the Regency Theatre Westwood on Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2019, in Los Angeles.

such a lot of speculation about an Obi-Wan spin-off. And I was asked every time I did an interview by people, would I do it? And it just became embarrassing, because it sounded a bit like I was trying to get the part from Disney. You know, like, I was saying, 'Well, you know. Well, if they give me a call, I'd be, you know, I'd

be interested,' he said. "Fans (would) like being angry with Disney, saying, 'They better not cast someone else.' And I was thinking, 'Who else are they going to cast, you know? Like just let me say it.'"

Disney announced the Obi-Wan series in August at the D23 Expo. It is set to premiere on the Disney Plus streaming service next year.

"And now (that) the cat is out of the bag that we're doing again, I'm really excited about it," McGregor said. "It's a really phenomenal story line that we're going to tell."

Gooding due in court to face new sex misconduct allegations

NEW YORK (AP)—Cuba Gooding Jr. faces a new accuser and new charges in his New York City sexual misconduct case, his lawyer said Wednesday.

The actor is due in court Thursday for an arraignment on an updated misdemeanor indictment, lawyer Mark Heller said.

The charges relate to a

third accuser in a case that has grown quickly in recent weeks from a lone allegation to a reexamination of Gooding's behavior with women throughout his career.

The 51-year-old, who won an Oscar for his role in "Jerry Maguire," was arrested in June after a 29-year-old woman said he squeezed her breast without consent at

Manhattan night spot.

An indictment unsealed Oct. 15 included charges Gooding alleging also pinched a woman's buttocks at a Manhattan nightclub in October 2018.

Gooding pleaded not guilty and has denied all allegations of wrongdoing. He is free on his own recognizance.

In addition, prosecutors

have said they intend to have up to a dozen other women not associated with the criminal charges testify that Gooding behaved like that with them in similar settings—bars, hotels and restaurants—as far back as 2001.

The judge, Curtis Farber, said he'll rule in December on whether any of those women can take the witness stand.

Taylor Swift to receive artist of the decade award at AMAs

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Superstar singer Taylor Swift will receive the artist of the decade award at the American Music Awards next month.

Dick Clark Productions announced Wednesday that Swift will be honored during an ABC live telecast on Nov. 24 at the Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles. At the show, she has a chance to break Michael Jackson's record for most wins.



Swift

Swift has won 23 AMAs and has five nominations this year; Jackson holds the record for most wins with 24 trophies. Swift has won more awards at this show than anyone else during this decade.

To celebrate her career, Swift is also expected to hit the stage to perform some of her biggest hits.

Swift, Post Malone, Ariana Grande, Drake and Halsey are nominated for artist of the year.

Infected toe stops R. Kelly from attending his court hearing

CHICAGO (AP)—R. Kelly's lawyer has told a federal judge that an infected toe prevented the R&B star from attending a hearing in his child pornography case in Chicago.

Kelly is detained at a jail two blocks from the courthouse and had been expected to appear at Wednesday's status hearing.

Full Coverage: R. Kelly

But defense lawyer Steve Greenberg said one of Kelly's toenails had to be removed as treatment and Kelly worried

someone might trample on his toe as he was escorted to and from court.

During the five-minute hearing, Judge Harry Leinenweber said he'd rule later on motions to dismiss some charges and reconsider bond for the 52-year-old.

Kelly has pleaded not guilty to federal charges against him in Chicago and New York, where he is accused of a racketeering scheme to sexually abuse girls.

Leinenweber set Kelly's next hearing for Feb. 13.

Concern for grandma's health keeps grandson from visiting

DEAR ABBY: I work and have a family and live five hours from where I grew up. My mom isn't in the best health and neither is her husband. While I try to visit as often as I can, she always wants me to visit more often, which I understand.

The problem is, she keeps asking us to leave our 5-year-old son with her for long weekends or to spend a week with her and her husband. They are good people, but both have physical limitations.

Would I let my son stay with them if one of them was still in good health? Yes. It is hard for me to explain to her my concern that my son would be too much for them to deal with at this point. If she has a series of good days, great. If she doesn't, we would have a problem, and I'd have to drive back to deal with it.

I have tried explaining nicely, and then other times more directly, that it isn't that I don't want her to spend time with her grandchildren. I'm tired of the guilt trips she tries to put on me. I'm also tired of her telling my son to "talk to your mom about staying with me for a week."

As a child, I was in my son's position, and I know how it affected me. I just wanted to see "Sara," and I thought Mom and Dad were mean for not letting me. I do not want my son to feel that way. He's a child, not a pawn in a game. Can you help me explain to my mom that my concern is for

the safety of everyone involved?

SAFETY FIRST

DEAR SAFETY FIRST: Have a series of talks with your little boy. He needs to understand that, although Grandma loves him and wants him to visit, she is not always well enough to look after him properly if he does, which is why you won't allow it. It isn't his fault, it isn't your fault, and it isn't Grandma's. If Grandma could come to visit you occasionally for a few days, it might give her more time with your boy and be good for both of them.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 46-year-old, single gay man. Although I've had a few crushes, I have never been deeply in love. I don't like going out to the bars and, because my town is extremely Catholic, there are only a couple of gay-friendly ones.

Is it OK to not be actively looking for love? Everyone I know keeps asking me if I have found someone, and I keep telling them I don't believe in love. I'm content. I don't do anything but work, so I always say I never have time.

Is there something wrong with being single all your life and not having a significant other? I have my cat to love, as well as my sisters. Does a person have to be with someone if they are content being alone? Yes, I would like to go out, but why does

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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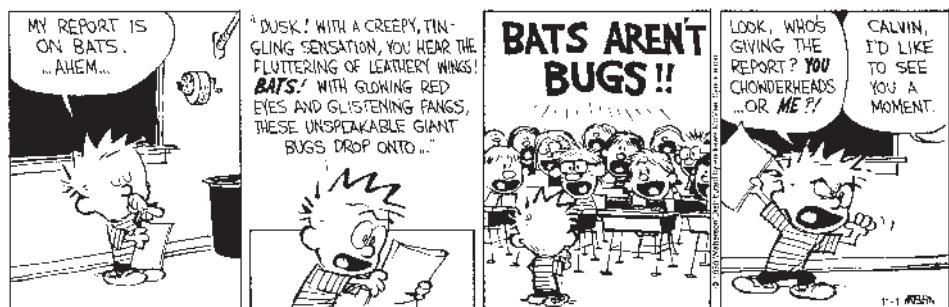
CONTENT LONER IN MONTANA

DEAR LONER: If you are comfortable flying solo, it is perfectly acceptable to live your life that way. The people who are telling you otherwise may mean well, but you do not have to take it to heart. Live your life the way you want, do not second-guess yourself and don't allow yourself to be pressured. If you are content, you are doing fine.

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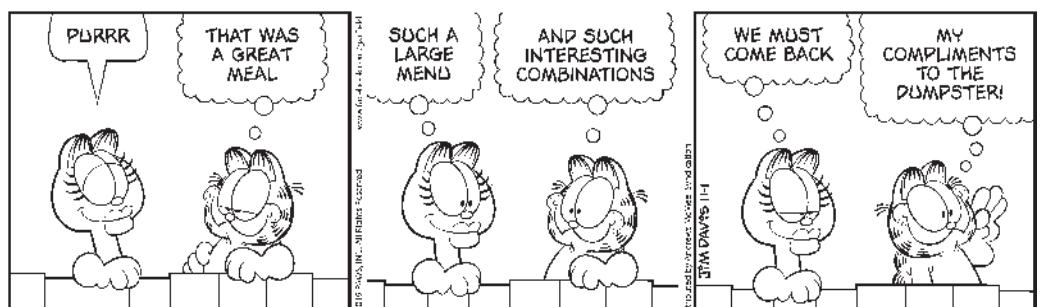
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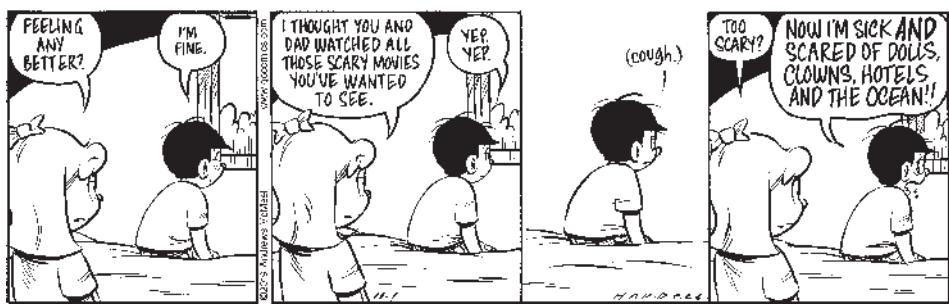
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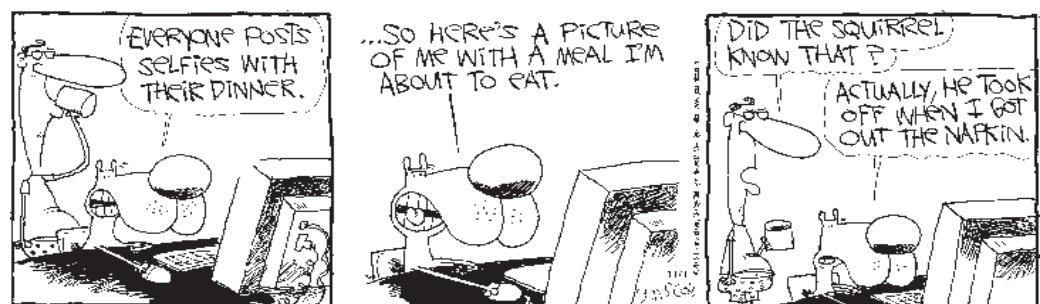
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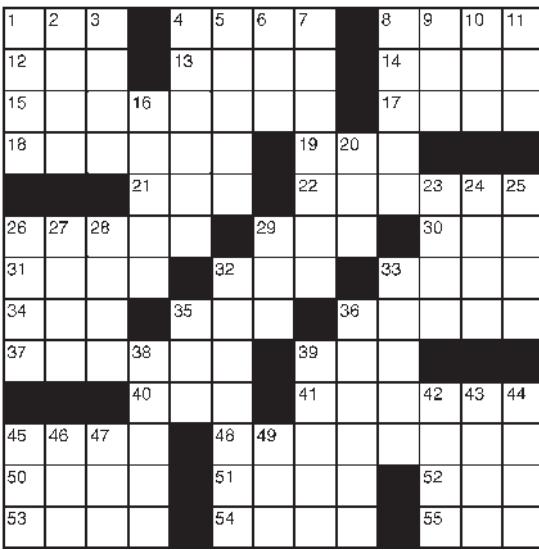
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Happy Birthday: Constant change and adapting to every new situation that comes your way will be what determines your success this year. Embrace life with optimism and hope for a brighter future. Be open to new ideas and concepts, and be willing to travel mentally, physically and spiritually. Much will be accomplished. Your numbers are 8, 13, 23, 26, 32, 35, 42.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Upset and anger will not help you resolve an issue you face with someone at home or work. Mull over what's unfolding, and offer suggestions and solutions that are reasonable. A friendly nudge will work better than a willful demand. ☀

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): It's up to you to bring about change. Consider what excites you, and follow the path that will take you on a journey that will be emotionally and mentally stimulating. Evaluate your relationships, and make adjustments if necessary. ☀

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Physical activity will help ease stress. Refuse to let anyone take advantage of you. Find out what you will get in return before you commit to anything that will tie up your time, money or expertise. Strive for equality. ☀

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't let anyone limit what you can do. If something draws you, follow through until you are satisfied with what you discover. Don't

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Slow down and think. A change someone makes shouldn't tempt you to get involved. Your best effort will come from minding your own business and concentrating on taking care of your responsibilities. Handle money and health issues thoroughly. ☀

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Keep your life simple. Offer only what's feasible. Use your wisdom, intelligence and power of persuasion to bring about beneficial changes to your community and the causes you cherish. A financial gain looks promising. Romance is featured. ☀

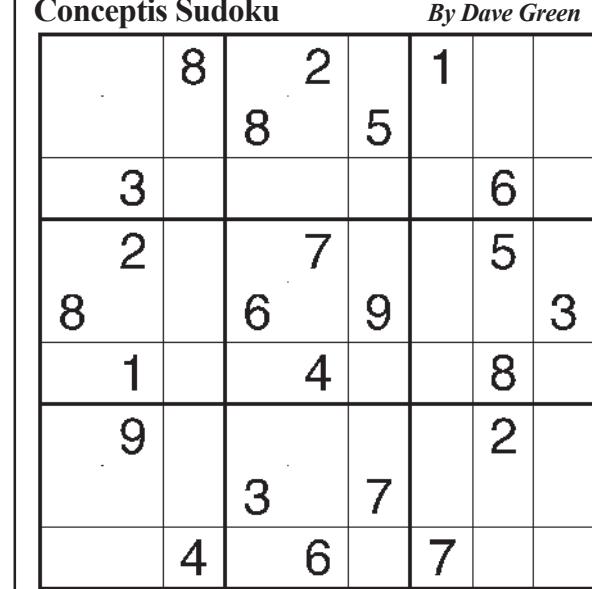
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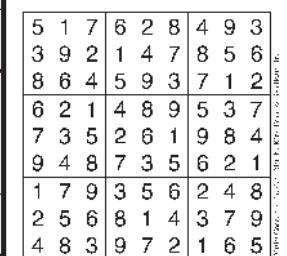
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Difficulty Level ★★★★

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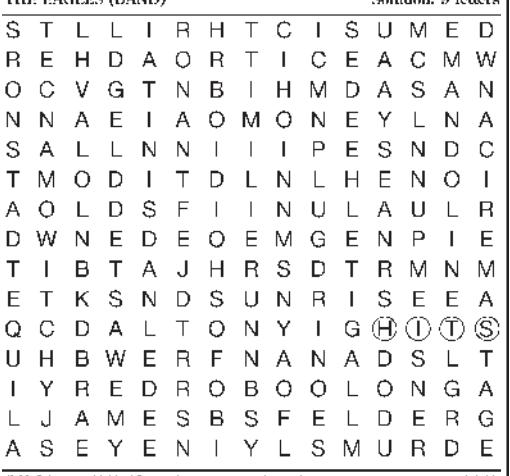
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HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backwords. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

THE EAGLES (BAND)

By DAVID
OUELLET

Solution: 9 letters



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TACHOGNYA QUARRY PERMIT APPLICATION NO. TMS-2019-X-048

The Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) will be holding a public hearing for the proposed Tachognya Quarry operation in Tachognya, Tinian.

The GPPC, Inc. is proposing to operate a quarry operation in Tachognya, Tinian. GPPC, Inc. anticipates to produce aggregates of different sizes including manufactured sand. The operation will consists of a cement batching plant, an asphalt batching plant, and an office with an onsite generator. Staging of the quarry materials will be situated at Carolinas, Tinian.

The public hearing for this project is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 5, 2019, 4:30PM, at the Tinian Elementary School Cafeteria in San Jose, Tinian.**

Written comments can be submitted to the DCRM Office, Suite 305, Gualo Rai Center, Middle Road, Gualo Rai, Saipan, or mailed to the Division of Coastal Resources Management, P.O. Box 501304, or sent by fax at 664-8315. The project files are open for review and comments during regular business hours from 7:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday. All written and oral comments received by DCRM will be included as part of the permit application records and will be considered in any decisions concerning the proposed projects. Please contact the DCRM at 664-8300/1 if you have any questions or would like to learn more about the Tachognya Quarry project.

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Nationals win first World Series title



HOUSTON (AP)—Almost out of contention in May, champs in October.

Howie Kendrick, Anthony Rendon and the Washington Nationals completed their amazing comeback journey—fittingly with one final, late rally on the road.

In Game 7 of the World Series, no less.

Kendrick and Rendon homered in the seventh inning as the Nationals overcame a two-run deficit, rocking the Houston Astros 6-2 Wednesday night to claim the first title in franchise history.

With all eyes on Max Scherzer and his remarkable recovery after a painkilling injection, these Nationals truly embraced their shot in the first Series when the road team won every game.

Even more against the odds: Juan Soto and Washington rallied from behind to win five elimination games this postseason, an unprecedented feat.

Stephen Strasburg, Patrick Corbin and the Nats brought the first World Series championship to the nation's capital since ol' Walter Johnson delivered the crown for the Senators in 1924.

This franchise started out as the Montreal Expos in 1969 when the major leagues expanded beyond the border, putting a team with tricolor caps at jaunty Jarry Park. They moved to D.C. in 2005, ending Washington's three-decade-plus wait for big league baseball after the Senators left town to become the Texas Rangers.

But the incredible path these wild-card Nationals with the curly W logo took, well, no one could have imagined.

Having lost star slugger Bryce Harper to free agency and beset by bullpen woes, Washington plummeted to 19-31 in late May. It got so bad there was talk around town the Nationals might fire manager Dave Martinez and trade away Scherzer.

Instead, they stuck with the motto that sprung up on T-shirts—Stay In The Fight.

And months later they finished it, indeed.

For the 43,326 revved-up fans at Minute Maid Park, it was a combination of shock and disappointment. So close to seeing the Astros win their second crown in three years, they watched their chance suddenly vanish as Houston fell apart.

Washington kept pulling away after taking the lead, with Adam Eaton's two-run single in the ninth accounting



for the final margin.

Zack Greinke was in complete control until Rendon—

a Houston prep and college star—hit a home run that cut Houston's lead to 2-1.

When Soto followed with a one-out walk, manager AJ Hinch decided to make a

move. He'd had ace starter Gerrit Cole warming up in the bullpen earlier, but this call

Mad Max, Kendrick deliver in Game 7

HOUSTON (AP)—Max Scherzer never had a clean inning in Game 7 of the World Series for the Washington Nationals. He finished with more walks than strikeouts and walked off the mound trailing.

Yet, Mad Max delivered in the clutch for the Nationals even without getting the win.

Boosted by a cortisone injection and the adrenaline of trying to get his first World Series ring, Scherzer labored through five innings while throwing 103 pitches.

son—to beat the Astros 6-2 in a World Series where the visiting team won every game.

While Scherzer never looked dominating, the incredibly intense right-hander still was throwing fastballs in the mid-90s throughout his five innings. All but one of the Astros hits against him were singles and only one runner outside the two that scored reached third base. Houston managed only a 2-0 lead before Patrick Corbin relieved Scherzer to start the sixth.

Despite plenty of hard-hit balls, the Astros left nine runners on base against Scherzer while going 1 for 8 with runners in scoring position. That kept the Nationals close enough to surge ahead late.

Scherzer finished this postseason 3-0 with a 2.40 ERA. He had 37 strikeouts and 15 walks over 30 innings in six games, five of them starts.

Meanwhile, Kendrick sure has a knack for the dramatic.

At 36—nine years removed from his only All-Star appearance—he hit a go-ahead, two-run homer off Will Harris in the seventh inning that lifted the Nationals over the Astros.

Steady-handed and battle-tested, Kendrick came

through at the biggest moments of the Nationals' October run.

His grand slam against Joe Kelly broke a 10th-inning tie in the decisive Game 5 of the Division Series, giving the Nationals a 7-3 win—just the second extra-inning slam in postseason history.

He hit .333 with four doubles and four RBI in a League Championship Series sweep of St. Louis, earning MVP.

Kendrick was just 5 for 22 with one RBI in the World Series when he came to the plate in the seventh inning of Game 7. Anthony Rendon had just homered off Zack Greinke, cutting the Nationals' deficit to 2-1.

Juan Soto walked on five pitches and Harris relieved. Kendrick swung past a curveball and drove a cutter on the low, outside corner down the right-field line. George Springer sprinted toward the corner. Harris watched. The crowd was silenced, hoping the ball would be caught or curve foul.

Instead, it bounced off the foul pole screen. Kendrick shouted his way around the bases after the biggest hit of his 14-year career. He danced in the dugout with his younger teammates,

and for one last time this season, Kendrick and Adam Eaton celebrated by shifting gears and slamming the gas pedal in their imaginary car. Forget about over the hill—Kendrick showed he still had plenty in the tank.

He became the second player to hit a home run in a winner-take-all Series game from the seventh inning on that took his team from a deficit into the lead, following an eighth-inning drive by Pittsburgh's Hal Smith in Game 7 of the 1960 Series against the New York Yankees.

He's also the only player 36 or older to hit a go-ahead homer in the seventh inning or later of a winner-take-all postseason game. Of course, he's done it twice, both this year.

Kendrick singled in the eighth, reaching for the third time.

His first full season with Washington ended early in 2018, when he tore his right Achilles tendon while retreating to catch a fly ball to left field against the Los Angeles Dodgers on May 19. Even then, he didn't get too down.

"There's no point in being mopey about it," he said. "It won't heal as fast. So the happier I am, the faster I'll heal."

The Washington Nationals celebrate after Game 7 of the World Series against the Houston Astros Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2019, in Houston.

was for Will Harris.

Kendrick connected on the second pitch, slicing a drive that hit the screen attached to the right field foul pole. Just like that, everything had changed for the team in orange that led the majors in wins, and the ballpark fell silent.

For Kendrick, another timely blow. At 36, playing on the oldest team in the majors, the journeyman earned the MVP award for the NL Championship Series against St. Louis after hitting the winning grand slam in the 10th inning of the deciding Game 5 of the Division Series at Dodger Stadium.

Then again, this was nothing new for the Nationals.

Washington rallied in the eighth to beat Milwaukee in the wild-card game and took the last two to beat Los Angeles in the NLDS, setting up a sweep of the Cardinals in the NLCS.

Far away, a big crowd poured into Nationals Park for a watch party. That was the stadium where Houston hammered the Nats for three games last weekend, but their luck changed in Texas.

This World Series had lacked a lot of drama, aside from a volatile call of interference in Washington's Game 6 win that stoked heated debate across the sports world. Who knew rule 5.09(a)(11) could stir such passion?

With Greinke and Scherzer grunting on every pitch, Game 7 was a classic duel from the start.

Yuli Gurriel put the Astros ahead with a home run in the second and Carlos Correa added an RBI single off Scherzer that made it 2-0 in the fifth.

Scherzer was done after the fifth, but he had done his job to keep it close. Only a few days earlier, the three-time Cy Young Award winner had been unable to lift his right arm because of nerve irritation near his neck.

Daniel Hudson closed it out for the Nationals, who made Houston pay for stranding so many runners on base all game. Hudson struck out Michael Brantley for the last out, then threw his glove to start the celebration.

For the Astros, who brought baseball into the Space Age with their far-out AstroDome and AstroTurf, and helped zoom the game into the galaxy of the Analytics Era, it was a startling end.

Curry breaks hand; Suns torch Warriors



SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—In what has already been a rough start to the season for the Warriors, now Stephen Curry is down. A two-time MVP, Golden State's longest-tenured player and its oldest at age 31. The heart and soul of his team.

Curry broke his left hand and became the latest injured Warriors player when he fell hard in the third quarter of another embarrassing defeat by Golden State, 121-110 to the Phoenix Suns on Wednesday night. A CT scan will determine whether Curry needs surgery, the Warriors said.

"I just feel bad for him," Suns coach Monty Williams said. "When these guys who are the faces of the league go down it's not good for the league, but especially someone like Steph, who's done so much to raise the level of excitement here in the Bay Area and throughout the league."

Curry drove to his left defended by Kelly Oubre Jr. and with big man Aron Baynes standing solidly in the paint. Curry leapt with the ball then came down head first landing awkwardly on his hands to brace himself from the court, with Baynes crashing onto Curry's left hand. Curry grimaced in pain grabbing at his fingers then walked to the locker room with 8:31 left in the third quarter.

"Aron Baynes came up after the game and just wanted to know how Steph was doing," coach Steve Kerr said. "You could tell he felt really bad. It's just a random basketball play, so stuff happens."

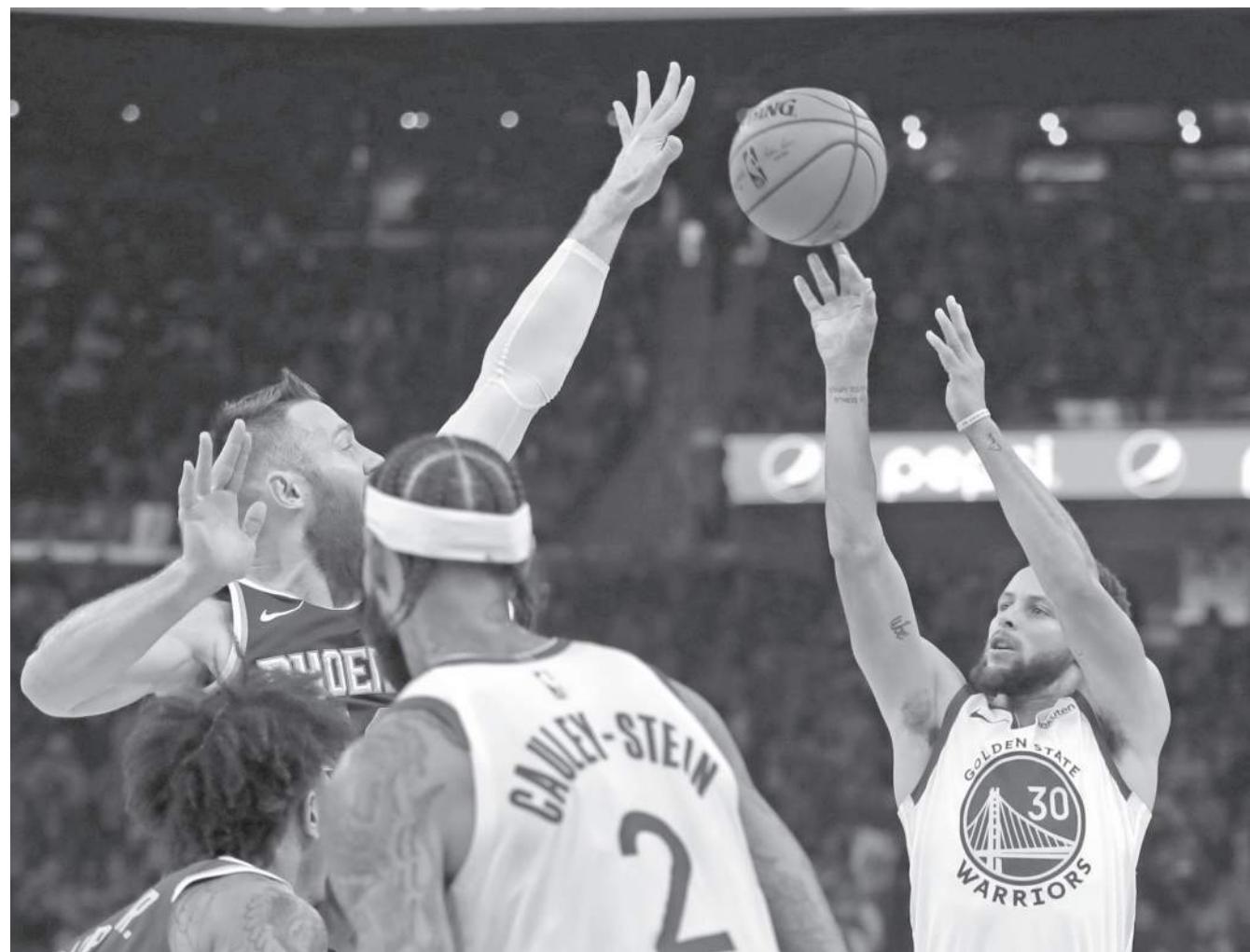
Baynes had 24 points, 12 rebounds seven assists and three blocked shots, Devin Booker scored 31 points as the Suns jumped out to a huge lead they never relinquished. The Warriors have lost badly in their first two home games at sparkling new Chase Center.

The ailing, undermanned Warriors welcomed back two players but still fell behind 39-11 shooting 4 for 17 as the Suns made 14 of their first 23 shots and 8 of 12 3-pointers.

Curry had nine points on 3-for-11 shooting before getting hurt.

Rockets 159, Wizards 158

In Washington, James Harden scored 59 points and made one of two free throws with 2.4 seconds to play to give the Houston Rockets a victory over the Wizards. Bradley Beal scored 46 points for Washington, hitting three throws with 8.1 seconds left to



AP

Golden State Warriors' Stephen Curry, right, shoots as Phoenix Suns' Aron Baynes defends during the first half of an NBA game Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2019, in San Francisco.

Thompson scored 23 points and the Cavs beat Chicago.

Love's basket on a goaltending call gave Cleveland a 91-90 lead early in the fourth quarter. His jumper from the left wing put the Cavaliers ahead 110-106 with just under a minute to play.

Pacers 118, Nets 108

In New York, Domantas Sabonis scored 29 points, Jeremy Lamb added 25 and Indiana beat Brooklyn for its first victory in five games this season.

Malcolm Brogdon added 21 points and 13 assists for Indiana.

Kyrie Irving led Brooklyn with 28 points, Spencer Dinwiddie had 20 and Caris LeVert 15. The Nets have lost two in a row to fall to 1-3.

Magic 95, Knicks 82

In Orlando, Nikola Vucevic had 21 points and 14 rebounds and the Magic rallied to beat New York.

Aaron Gordon scored 10 of his 15 points final 5:35 to help Orlando snap a two-game losing streak. Evan Fournier added 14 points, and Jonathan Isaac had 10. Julius Randle led New York with 16 points and 10 rebounds.

Hornets 118, Kings 11

In Sacramento, P.J. Washington scored 23 points to lead seven Charlotte players in double figures and the Hornets rallied from 14 down to beat the winless Sacramento Kings.

Terry Rozier had 22 points, six assists and five rebounds for Charlotte, which hadn't won since beating Chicago in the season-opener.

tie it at 158.

Harden was 18 of 32 from the field, 6 of 14 from 3-point range, and made 17 of 18 free throws. He also had nine assists in 37 minutes.

Russell Westbrook had had just three points in the first three quarters, then scored 14 in the fourth quarter and finished with his second triple-double of the season. He had 12 assists and 10 rebounds.

Clint Capela added 21 points and 12 rebounds to help Houston improved to 3-1.

Rui Hachimura had 23 points in his home debut for the Wizards.

76ers 118, Timberwolves 95

In Philadelphia, Joel Embiid scored 19 points and got into a brawl with Karl-Anthony Towns that sent both players to the showers early, and the 76ers beat Minnesota to improve to 4-0.

The Sixers were leading 75-55 midway through the third quarter when Embiid and Towns went at it. The two big men have a history of talking trash to each other. After they got tangled under the basket, Embiid shoved Towns, who answered with a punch that missed as both fell to the floor. Ben Simmons jumped in and forcefully held Towns down as other players and coaches ran onto the court.

Embiid and Towns were ejected after a video review.

Celtics 116, Bucks 105
In Boston, Kemba Walker had

21 of his 32 points in the second half and Boston rallied to beat Milwaukee.

Jayson Tatum added 25 points, Gordon Hayward had 21 points and 10 rebounds, and Marcus Smart finished with 19 points and six assists.

Milwaukee dominated in the first half, leading 19. But the Celtics responded in the third quarter, using a 26-7 run over the final 6:38 of the period to take an 80-76 edge into the fourth. Boston kept that momentum, beginning the final period with an 11-4 run to open a 91-80 lead.

Khris Middleton led the Bucks with 26 points. Giannis Antetokounmpo had 22 points and 14 rebounds.

Raptors 125, Pistons 113

In Toronto, Pascal Siakam scored 30 points, including 19 in the third quarter, and Fred VanVleet had 13 points and 11 assists in the Raptors' victory over Detroit.

Siakam made eight of 12 shots in the third, including three of four from 3-point range, as the defending NBA champions outscored Detroit 37-27 to take a 101-85 lead into the fourth.

Kyle Lowry scored 20 points, Serge Ibaka and Norman Powell each had 19 and OG Anonuby added 13 for the Raptors. Andre Drummond had 21 points and 22 rebounds for the Pistons.

Trail Blazers 102, Thunder 99

In Oklahoma City, Damian Lillard had 23 points and 13 assists to help Portland hold off the Thunder.

Lillard made 4 of 15 shots the first three quarters, but he made three 3-pointers in an 1:26 flurry in the fourth that turned a three-point deficit into a five-point lead.

C.J. McCollum scored 22 points and Kent Bazemore added 14 for the Trail Blazers. Chris Paul scored 21 points for the Thunder.

Cavaliers 117, Bulls 111

In Cleveland, Kevin Love had 17 points and 20 rebounds, Tristan

Toronto upsets Atlanta to reach finals

ATLANTA (AP)—Toronto FC has turned into the Road Warriors in the MLS playoffs.

One more victory in a tough environment will bring home the championship.

Nick DeLeon scored the tiebreaking goal in the 78th minute, Quentin Westberg swatted away a penalty kick and Toronto advanced to the MLS Cup title game with a 2-1 victory over defending champion Atlanta United in the Eastern Conference final Wednesday night.

Next up: A trip to Seattle to face the Sounders on Nov. 10.

"We're not intimidated at all," said Nick DeLeon, who came off the bench early in the second half and came through with the shot of his life. "It'll be just the same

as here. Turf field in a football stadium with a massive crowd. So, it'll be the same. We're looking forward to it."

Nicolas Benezet also scored for Toronto, which knocked off the top teams in the East —New York City FC and Atlanta—to earn a shot at the championship. Seattle reached the title game by upsetting Supporters' Shield winner Los Angeles FC 3-1 in the Western final.

Atlanta jumped ahead just 4 minutes into the game on Julian Gressel's goal and had a chance to increase the margin on a penalty. But Westberg got a hand on Josef Martinez's kick from the spot, which kept Toronto in the game.



"That save, honestly, made the difference," DeLeon said. "If they score there, it's a different game. Q kept us in the game."

DeLeon won it with a brilliant shot from 25 yards out. Surrounded by Atlanta defenders, he found just enough room to unleash a right-footed blast that beat goalkeeper Brad Guzan in the top left corner.

"When I turned, I had an intent to play it back out," DeLeon said. "But when nobody stepped, I said, 'OK, I'm going to have a shot.' Fortunately enough to go in."

Toronto FC returns to the title game just two seasons after winning the title with one of the greatest years in

MLS history. The Canadian team slumped badly in 2018, missing the playoffs, but now finds itself playing for another championship after taking out a pair of powerhouse teams on the road.

It was a bitter ending for Atlanta, which would have hosted the MLS Cup title game for the second year in a row with a victory. United won the Campeones Cup and the U.S. Cup, but this was the title they really wanted especially in the final season for captain Michael Parkhurst, who is retiring.

The longtime MLS stalwart came up two wins short of another championship.

"It was frustrating, for sure, especially after the great start we had," Parkhurst said.

Frustrated Mayfield storms away from interview



BEREA, Ohio (AP)— Baker Mayfield's frustration finally boiled over. The losing is beating him.

Annoyed with a reporter's line of questioning about a drive at the end of the first half in last week's loss at New England, the Browns fiery quarterback abruptly ended his weekly interview session on Wednesday and stormed off.

Mayfield, who is tied for the NFL lead with 12 interceptions, grew increasingly agitated when a reporter asked him about a failed two-minute drive in a 27-13 loss to the Patriots. The Browns were called for a penalty, which Mayfield said prevented them from moving the ball.

"Was I happy with the drive? No, we didn't score points," Mayfield chirped. "That's the dumbest question you could ask. What?"

Mayfield then disgustedly walked away from the lectern and toward his locker.

Soon after, the former No. 1 overall pick went on Twitter to explain his exasperation. Picked by some experts to win the AFC North, the Browns (2-5) haven't played up to enormous expectations and have lost three straight games.

"Everybody wants to hear the truth until they actually get it," Mayfield wrote. "I am who I am and always have been. Don't call it emotional when it's convenient and then passion when it fits. I care about winning, so yeah I'm frustrated."

"If I was to act like it's okay to lose, then y'all would say that I've gotten complacent. My sense of urgency is at an all time high. And if I offend anybody along the way, that's too bad."

Before his minor meltdown, Mayfield was cordial while answering questions about Cleveland's numerous issues this season. The Browns lead the league with 70 penalties,



AP

Cleveland Browns quarterback Baker Mayfield, center, runs from New England Patriots defensive back Terrence Brooks, left, and defensive tackle Adam Butler, right, in the second half of an NFL game, Sunday, Oct. 27, 2019, in Foxborough, Mass.

the offense has been unable to find a consistent rhythm and Mayfield has thrown just six touchdown passes after setting the league rookie record with 27 last season.

He's ranked 32nd with a 57.6 percent completion rate, and Mayfield—along with Browns first-year coach Freddie Kitchens—haven't figured out how to best use wide receiv-

ers Odell Beckham Jr. and Jarvis Landry, who have combined for one TD reception.

Mayfield has had a somewhat strained relationship with the Cleve-

MIAMI—Josh Rosen is a curious case.

The start to his career is unique and might never be duplicated. Last season as a rookie top-10 pick he was with the hapless Arizona Cardinals, the worst team in the NFL, and struggled badly in a horrendous situation. Then he was traded to the Miami Dolphins, who might be the worst team of all time.

Is Rosen bad? Or has he just been the victim of being on miserable teams two years in a row? It might be a while before we find out the truth.

Rosen won't get another shot in the foreseeable future. At least that's what Dolphins coach Brian Flores says today. Flores told the media that Ryan Fitzpatrick will remain the team's starting quarterback. The Dolphins are 0-7 and it's not too early to worry about an infamous 0-16. Fitzpatrick gives the Dolphins the best chance to win, Flores said.

So even though Rosen might help the Dolphins in the

future, Fitzpatrick will remain quarterback. And it seems like Miami has decided Rosen isn't really part of their future.

If the Dolphins had any hope for Rosen developing into a franchise quarterback, he would be their starter right now. The fact that he can't keep the starting job for a team that is tanking tells you all you need to know.

Flores wanted Rosen to keep the job. He said early this month that the starting quarterback job was "settled" and Rosen would be the team's starter. Then after a bad half against the Washington Redskins later that week, Flores changed his mind, put in Fitzpatrick and has stuck with him.

Flores didn't look great in making a decision on Rosen and changing his mind after two bad quarters. But it probably reflects much more poorly on Rosen, who couldn't

hold a job the Dolphins wanted him to have.

Rosen hasn't done a lot to earn more playing time. He has been on two bad teams but hasn't made either of them better. He has a brutal 52 passer rating and has been outplayed by the 36-year-old journeyman Fitzpatrick. Since avoiding 0-16 is preferred, it makes sense why the Dolphins won't start Rosen until they get that one win, at least.

But it seems hard to believe that Rosen is thought of as a future starting quarterback in Miami beyond this season. The Dolphins are stocked with picks in next year's draft, will likely draft first overall, and there are quality quarterback prospects in the 2020 class. It was worth it to trade a late second-round pick for Rosen, but it hasn't paid off. Maybe that will change if Rosen gets a chance later this season and plays well, but it

seems more likely he'll either be backing up someone like Tua Tagovailoa next season or on his third team.

Hopefully for Rosen, he eventually gets a chance with someone better than the 2018 Cardinals or 2019 Dolphins.

Adams doubts future with Jets

Meanwhile, Jets general manager Joe Douglas tried to smooth things over with Jamal Adams on Wednesday. Coach Adam Gase tried to talk to his star safety, too.

But less than 24 hours after publicly criticizing the team on social media, and accusing Douglas of trying to trade him after he asked to remain with the team, Adams wasn't interested in talking to his coach or GM.

"I'm not ready to talk," Adams said. "That's just where I'm at with it. I'm not in that place right now."

Adams admitted Wednes-

day that he's still angry and hurt that the team "shopped" him before Tuesday's trade deadline. And the 24-year-old Pro Bowl safety, who is one of the team's most popular players and has been viewed as one of the cornerstones of the franchise going forward, said he's no longer sure he sees a long-term future with the Jets.

"I'm excited to be here right now as we speak," Adams said. "But for the future, I don't know. I really don't. I thought I did, but I really don't right now."

Adams tweeted later on Wednesday that he was "past everything," though he did not address his long-term future with the team.

The trouble started late last week, when Adams arranged a meeting with Douglas and Gase. Adams has not been able to hide his frustration with losing—the team is 10-29 in his two plus-seasons—

but he told Douglas and Gase that he didn't want to be traded and he was committed to the franchise long-term.

But Adams said on Monday morning he woke up was told by his agent that he was being "shopped around."

Douglas denied that claim multiple times on Tuesday, saying that he had taken calls from teams that were interested in trading for Adams and had "listened" to their offers, but never seriously considered making a deal.

That seems like part of any general manager's job requirement. Picking up the phone when another team calls, listening to offers and gauging the market.

But Adams didn't see it that way.

He felt betrayed that the Jets would consider trading him after he called a meeting to tell them he wanted to stay. And he felt offended that the team would even consider dealing a player of his talent level.

land media since he arrived in 2018. He's been defensive about some things, but this was the first time his temper got the best of him.

The exchange Wednesday began innocently with a reporter asking why there didn't seem to be urgency late in the half.

"When the penalty happened, then we were behind the chains," Mayfield countered.

When the reporter interjected with, "but," Mayfield shot back.

"No, stop saying 'but.' I just told you the clock was running and we had a penalty," Mayfield snapped. "Do you want to give them the ball back? No. You do not play; you do not know it. That is just plain and simple."

Walking away angrily from a media session isn't a major sin, but it's not a great look either for a team leader or the player dubbed as the face of Cleveland's franchise.

After the QB's hasty exit, Browns left guard Joel Bitonio offered support to his teammate.

"I understand his passion and his desire to win," he said. "He really wants to be the best and I feel like in that situation he feels like he's being attacked. He probably feels like he answered the question to his fullest ability and he feels like it's being piled on."

"Is it the right thing to do to storm off? Probably not, but that's his personality. He's fiery, he wants to be the best, and I think that just shows that he's trying to get us to a certain level."

Bitonio doesn't feel the need to discuss the situation with Mayfield.

"It's one of those situations where I just kind of keep my hands out of it and let Baker be Baker," he said. "That's just who he is."

Mayfield's emotions fuel him on the field, where he's willing to engage in trash talk with opponents or join his teammates for an end-zone celebration following a score.

All Blue, Island Star remain on top

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All Blue and Island Star are

Djokovic, Nadal reach third round

PARIS (AP)—Four-time champion Novak Djokovic over-



Spain's Rafael Nadal returns the ball to France's Adrian Mannarino during the 2nd round match of the Paris Masters tennis tournament in Paris, France, Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2019.

still ahead in their respective divisions after posting contrasting results in last Sunday's games in the

2019 Spring Men's M-League at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville. All Blue settled for a draw in its match versus Paire, 1-1, to keep the top spot in Division A. Joshua Mendez put All Blue on the board early with his goal in the sixth minute,

The top-ranked Djokovic lost his serve in game seven and needed to save two set points in order to hold the ninth game at 5-3 down. The 16-time Grand Slam winner broke back for 5-5 against his 20-year-old opponent, who has never won a title while Djokovic chases a 77th.

U.S. Open champion Rafael Nadal, who is battling with his old rival Djokovic for the year-end No. 1 ranking, won, 7-5, 6-4 against unseeded Frenchman Adrian Mannarino. The second-seeded Spaniard next faces 16th-seeded Stan Wawrinka, with an 18-3 lead in their career meetings.

play catch up in the fourth period and failed to regain the upper hand with its limited offensive options. Only Teregeyo and John Santos registered more than 4 points in the final canto, while Pelisamen was held to two field goals.

Meanwhile, The Game got out of slump after routing TanHoldings in the second match last Tuesday, 121-93.

The Game bagged its third win after dropping five straight matches, while TanHoldings finished the season without a victory in nine games.

Mac Mintac paced The Game with his 52 points.

First Game

MSV **96**—Dela Cruz 20, Richardson 16, Manibusan 14, Deleon Guerrero 11, Augenbaugh 8, Babauta 7, King 7, Lajara 4, Villagomez 4, Teregeyo 2, Kwon 2.

Bridge Capital **88**—Pelisamen 28, Teregeyo 25, Santos 13, Cabaltica 12, Deleon Guerrero 10, Camacho 2, M. Duenas 1.

Scoring by quarters: 27-23, 44-50, 67-65, 96-88.

Second Game

The Game **121**—Mintac 52, Javier 16, Fidelino 15, Parulan 14, Bernardo 13, Hernandez 6, Vivero 5.

TanHoldings **93**—Torregosa 26, Dayao 24, Echavez 21, Centino 12, Lumen 10.

Scoring by quarters: 24-25, 59-42, 94-65, 121-93.

while Danny Agulto tied the game for Paire in the 65th minute.

In Division B, Island Star kept its undefeated record and the No.1 spot in the team standings after nosing out the CNMI Women's National Team, 3-2. Jun Liu drilled the go-ahead

M-League Standings

(As of Oct. 29, 2019)

Division A

TEAMS	W	D	L	PTS	GA	GA	GD
All Blue	3	1	0	10	13	3	10
Paire	2	1	2	7	14	11	3
TanHoldings	2	0	1	6	7	8	-1
KFAS	1	0	2	3	5	2	-7
Old B Bank	0	0	3	0	2	7	-5

Division B

TEAMS	W	D	L	PTS	GA	GA	GD
Island Star	4	0	0	12	16	6	10
Kanoa	3	0	1	9	17	11	6
Shirley's	2	0	3	6	17	17	0
Matansa	1	0	2	3	8	11	-3
WNT	0	0	4	0	5	18	-13

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GIRLS U16

Kanoa 8, Matansa 1

Kanoa retained the lead in the division following an easy win over Matansa.

Lynzey Green made a hat trick to give Kanoa its sixth victory in seven games. She scored all her goals in the first half—fifth, seventh, and 11th minute—for Kanoa's 5-1 halftime lead. Donna Kapileo and Desiree Decena tallied Kanoa's two other goals in the first half and the former added one more in the second, while Sophia Quintos and Paulyne Joyce also hit the board in the final 35 minutes

of the one-sided game.

Matansa's lone goal came from Jannah Casarino in the 15th minute.

TanHoldings 6, MP United 0

TanHoldings is at close second behind Kanoa after shutting down MP United and getting its fifth victory.

Stephanie Flores registered three goals for TanHoldings, while Mary Joy Aniana, Rizza Relucio, and Jenny Ann Capayas contributed one apiece.

Southern United 9, Shirley's 3

Southern completed a day of lopsided games in the division after dominating Shirley's in

the final game last weekend.

Keisha Deleon Guerrero and Summer Manahane posted two goals apiece for Southern, which drew one each from Erin Frink, Nathenette Blas,

in the 75th minute, while Wei Ping Chen and Xio Feng Lin delivered the two other goals for Island Star. Feng handed

Island Star its first goal in the 10th minute, while Chen made it a 2-0 advantage in the 37th.

A goal from Jeralyn Castillo in the 39th minute moved the WNT within one at the break, while Jannah Casarino hit the equalizer three minutes into the second half before Liu saved the day for Island Star late in the game.

Island Star notched its fourth victory in as many games, while the WNT is still winless in four matches.

In other results in Division B, Kanoa Football Club bagged a pair of wins to jump to second place in the standings.

Kanoa first routed the WNT, 9-0, last Oct. 24, and then eased past Shirley's last weekend, 6-2.

Markus Toves starred in Kanoa's triumph over Shirley's after gaining four goals. The youth player scored in the 17th, 48th, 57th, and 67th minute, while Andruw Omelau and Raymond Zapanta tallied the two other goals for Matansa in the 34th and 63rd, respectively.

Lalaine Pagaraao gave Shirley's its first goal in the 18th minute, while Hoin Ryu nailed the other one in the 38th.

Versus the WNT, Omelau delivered a hat trick for Kanoa, while Toves added two, and Jacob Montes, Russelle Zapanta, Davy Laxa, and JC Piring chipped in one each.

Marinel Falalimpa, Mariana Castro, and Christina Atalig.

Shirley's, on the other hand, got a brace from Katrina Costales and one from Lilian Podziewski.

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TEAM STANDINGS (As of Oct. 30, 2019)

GIRLS U16 DIVISION							
CLUB	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Kanoa	6	1	0	40	15	25	19
TanHoldings	5	1	1	37	9	28	16
Southern United	4	2	1	28	10	18	14
Shirley's	2	0	5	22	39	-17	6
MP United	2	0	5	24	44	-20	6
Matansa	0	0	7	12	46	-34	0

BOYS U15							
CLUB	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Kanoa	4	1	0	29	8	21	13
MP United	3	1	1	16	8	8	10
TanHoldings	3	0	2	11	12	-1	9
Matansa	1	0	4	8	14	-6	3
Shirley's	0	0	4	5	27	-22	0

The three goals that Brunei scored in five games in the AFF tournament were courtesy of five-time captain Aisan Aiman, making the forward a marked man in tomorrow's curtain-raiser.

The CNMI is hoping to have a good showing against Brunei to give the squad momentum, as the Commonwealth's last three matches will be tough. The Teen

Ayayus will challenge host Cambodia on Monday, battle Thailand on Wednesday, and close out against Malaysia next Friday.

Malaysia was the runner-up to Australia in the AFF event and defeated Cambodia in the same competition, 3-0. Thailand edged Malaysia in the preliminaries, 1-0, while Cambodia nosed out the former, 4-3.



Players and officials of the CNMI Boys U19 National Team pose for a photo at the departure area of the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport last Tuesday before they head to Cambodia to compete in the Asian Football Confederation U19 Championship 2020 Qualifiers.

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MSV zeroes in on semis seat

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Bridge Capital, on the other hand, fell



to a 4-4 mark, and must win its last game against AK Toyota this Saturday and pray that Caravan's (5-3) loses to Mystique BBQ on Tuesday to at least force a tie for fourth place in the team standings. Only the Top 4 teams will advance to the semis after the round-robin regular season.

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day in preparation for its first game in the competition. Captain Sunjoon Tenorio, Dai Podziewski, and Joshua Abragan, who all came from the U.S. mainland, were reunited with the 20 other members of the team yesterday and joined the crew's training session.

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